



Jury Verdict and Settlement Research

In today's highly uncertain economic environment, affluent consumers are more likely than ever to be targets of multi-million-dollar lawsuits. In many states, if someone is found only 1 percent responsible for an accident, he or she can be held liable for 100 percent of the damages to the injured parties.

Below is a sample of recent jury verdicts demonstrating the wide range of exposures facing individuals that can result in significant judgments.*



Location	Verdict/ Settlement	Type of Case	Case Summary
CA	\$49 million	Automobile Accident	The family of 21-year-old college student sued drivers of two vehicles involved in multi-vehicle crash. The plaintiff's counsel claimed one defendant was sleep-deprived, while the other was on their cell phone. The plaintiff was in a coma for one month and is expected to require lifetime 24-hour care.
AZ	\$30.6 million	Automobile Accident	An adult male suffered serious injuries resulting in quadriplegia when his vehicle was struck by the defendant's vehicle, then rolled over into oncoming traffic and collided with another vehicle. The plaintiffs contended that the defendant caused the collision when they negligently changed lanes.
FL	\$20 million	ATV Accident (premises liability)	A teenage male was killed while riding an ATV on a neighbor's property. The neighbor had invited him to drive the ATV, permitting him to operate it without proper safety equipment and without adult supervision. The teenage male struck a fence and was decapitated.
NJ	\$19 million	Automobile Accident/ Struck Pedestrian	A pedestrian suffered a mild brain injury with hallucinations, memory loss and personality changes, multiple fractures and lacerations with permanent scarring when she was struck by the defendant's vehicle.
FL	\$11.3 million	Internet Defamation Lawsuit	An internet defamation suit brought by a Florida consultant against a Louisiana woman for posting defamatory statements about the plaintiff on an internet bulletin board. The defendant called the plaintiff a "crook" and a "fraud."
MD	\$5.9 million	Dog Bite	A 16-month-old child attacked and killed by a pit bull kept at the home of a family friend.
MI	\$4.6 million	Boating Accident	A 16-year-old female had to have her leg amputated and gall bladder removed after a boating accident while under the supervision of the adult defendant.
IL	\$2.5 million	Host Liquor Liability/Negligent Supervision	Parents supervised activities at their home after their teenage daughters invited friends over for a party. Two guests involved in vehicular accident while driving home—vehicle's passenger paralyzed from chest down.
PA	\$2.3 million	Horseback Riding Accident (negligent supervision)	An 11-year-old boy was kicked in the face by a privately-owned horse while at a stable. Stable owners were found responsible due to negligent supervision.
CT	\$1.5 million	Swimming Pool Drowning (negligent supervision)	A 3-year-old boy died after he drowned in his family's pool while under the supervision of the 17 year-old female defendant. The defendant was found guilty of failing to properly supervise the minor entrusted in her care, negligently allowing the boy to enter the pool area without supervision.

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