

Top New York Verdicts of 2015



TOP 30 NEW YORK VERDICTS IN 2015

	CASE	DATE	VENUE	TYPE OF ACTION	PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL	AMOUNT
1	Sokolow v. Palestine Liberation Organization	2/23	U.S. District Court, SDNY	Assault and Battery: Palestinian groups liable for terrorists' acts, plaintiffs claimed	Kent A. Yalowitz, Lead, New York, NY, Arnold & Porter LLP; Rachel May Weiser, of counsel, Milano Pasch Medici Attorneys & Counselors at Law	\$655,500,000
2	Buchwald v. Renco Group Inc.	2/27	U.S. District Court, SDNY	Breach of Fiduciary Duty: Fraudulent deals bankrupted company, lawsuit alleged	Leo R. Beus, Co-lead, Scot C. Stirling, Co-lead, Malcolm Loeb & Robert O. Stirling, Phoenix, AZ, Beus Gilbert PLLC	\$118,222,000
3	Estate of Leo v. Lomma	8/3	New York Supreme	Negligent Repair: Crane's deadly collapse a result of frugality, lawsuit alleged	Bernadette Panzella, Lead, Robert Mulhall, of counsel, & Robert G. Schacht, of counsel, Staten Island, NY, Bernadette Panzella, P.C.; Michael G. O'Neill, New York, NY, Law Office of Michael G. O'Neill; & Susan M. Karten, Lead, & Craig H. Snyder, New York, NY, Susan M. Karten & Associates, LLP	\$95,971,644
4	Correa v. Jarrahy	12/14	Queens Supreme	Childbirth: Newborn's palsy a result of mismanaged labor, suit alleged	Randy B. Nassau, Yonkers, NY, The Fitzgerald Law Firm, P.C.	\$52,606,017
5	Estate of Beloyianis v. NY and Presbyterian Hospital	5/27	Bronx Supreme	Failure to Test: Surgery's hardware paralyzed patient, lawsuit alleged	Evan Torgan, New York, NY, Torgan & Cooper	\$45,625,000
6	Lee v. City of New York	7/15	Bronx Supreme	Police: Policeman's car chase was too dangerous, lawsuit alleged	Robert J. Genis, New York, NY, trial counsel, Law Offices of Raskin & Kremins LLP	\$28,205,372
7	Dowdell v. 4545 Eastcoast, LLC.	10/30	New York Supreme	Foreman's 20-foot fall led to loss of leg	James J. McCrorie, Lead, Jericho, NY, Law Offices of James J. McCrorie, PC, trial counsel & David H. Mayer & Kenneth Sacks, New York, NY, Sacks & Sacks, LLP	\$25,370,000
8	Sims v. City of NY	3/13	Kings Supreme	Police: Plaintiff claimed he was needlessly shot and arrested	David M. Godosky, New York, NY, Godosky & Gentile, P.C.	\$25,200,000
9	Miller v. BMW of North America, LLC	9/25	New York Supreme	Failure to Warn: Mechanic's cancer stems from grinding of brakes, suit alleged	Douglas D. von Oiste & David A. Chandler, New York, NY, Karst & von Oiste, LLP	\$25,000,000
10	Bouveng v. NYG Capital LLC	6/29	U.S. District Court, SDNY	Defamation: Wall Street financier forced intercourse with employee, plaintiff	David S. Ratner, Lead, and Martha McBrayer, Manhattan, NY, Morelli Alters Ratner Law Firm	\$18,000,004
11	Espinal v. Jamaica Hospital Medical Center	7/22	Kings Supreme	Stop Sign: Motorist, hospital's aide liable for brain injury, plaintiff claimed	Leigh D. Eskenasi, New York, NY, Law Offices of Louis Grandelli, P.C. & Neal B. Forman, Lead, Brooklyn, NY, trial counsel	\$16,000,000
12	Humareda v. 500A East 87th Street, LLC	4/14	New York Supreme	Workplace Safety: Compactor's defect wasn't fixed, injured porter claimed	Stuart L. Finz, Lead, and Todd M. Rubin, Mineola, NY, Finz & Finz, P.C.	\$14,768,000
13	Vargas v. Peter Scalmandre & Sons Inc.	5/15	Bronx Supreme	Contractor ignored recurrent hazards, injured worker claimed	Neva Hoffmaier, New York, NY, Hoffmaier & Hoffmaier, P.C.	\$10,600,000
14	Chisholm v. R.T. Vanderbilt Co. Inc.	2/11	Schenectady Supreme	Failure to Warn: Man's mesothelioma caused by industrial talc, estate alleged	Donald P. Blydenburgh and Arthur Prystowsky, New York, NY, Levy Konigsberg LLP	\$10,550,000
15	Simon v. Granite Building 2 LLC	6/16	Nassau Supreme	Car's driver killed in fall after sliding off garage's icy deck	Ted M. Rosenberg, Holtsville, NY, Rosenberg & Gluck, LLP	\$9,444,000
16	Ramos v. Bartis	3/23	Nassau Supreme	Pedestrian: Woman struck by tractor-trailer, under-went amputation of leg	Theodore A. Naima, Garden City, NY Law Offices of Theodore A. Naima, P.C.	\$9,000,000

TOP 25 VERDICTS IN 2015

Based on Data From LexisNexis

	Case Name	Award	Fact Summary	Plaintiff Attorneys
1	Federal Housing Finance Agency, as Conservator for The Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) v. Nomura Holding America, Inc., et al.	\$ 806,000,000	Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac maintained that mortgage-backed bonds violated securities laws with material misstatements and omissions regarding ability of mortgage borrowers to repay loans.	Adam M. Abensohn, Richard A.Schirtzer, Justin Paul Givens, et al.
2	Mark I. Sokolow et al v. The Palestine Liberation Organization, et al.	\$ 218,500,000	Victims of terrorist bombings and shootings claimed the Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Liberation Organization knowingly supported the terrorist activity that injured plaintiffs.	Rachel May Weiser, Kent A. Yalowitz
3	Lee E. Buchwald, as Chapter 7 Trustee for Magnesium Corporation of America and Related Debtor, Renco Metals, Inc. v. The Renco Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation; K. Sabel Holdings, Inc., an Alabama Corporation; KPMG Peat Marwick LLP; Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation; Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin; Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, LLP; Ira Leon Rennert; Roger L. Fay; Justin W. D'Atri; Dennis A. Sadlowski; Michael C. Ryan; Michael H. Legge; Ron L. Thayer; Todd R. Ogaard; Lee R. Brown; Howard I. Kaplan; Keith Sabel; Unidentified Trustees of Trusts Established by Ira Leon Rennert; and Does I Through XX	\$ 118,222,000	Bankruptcy trustee claimed that corporate bankruptcy stemmed from improper and fraudulent payments that were delivered to holding company, its officers, and its directors.	Leo R. Beus, Scot C. Stirling, Malcolm Loeb, Robert O. Stirling
4	Maria Leo, Administratrix for the Estate of Her Son, Donald Christopher Leo, Deceased, and Xhevahire Sinanaj and Selvi Sinanovic, individually and as co-administrators of the Estate Of Ramadan Kurtaj, Deceased, v. The City of New York, et al.	\$ 95,971,644	Families of construction workers killed by crane collapse alleged that crane equipment was poorly maintained due to frugality of owners and contractors.	Craig H. Snyder, Michael G. O'Neill, Robert G. Schacht, Susan M. Karten, Bernadette Panzella, Robert Mulhall
5	Jizelle Correa, an Infant by Her Mother and Natural Guardian, Stephanie Barnett v. Payman Paul Jarrahy, M.D., Geddis Abel-Bey, M.D., New York Hospital Queens, Contemporary OB/GYN Health Care Inc., and Geddis Abel-Bey Jr., M.D., P.C.	\$ 52,606,017	Mother alleged that newborn suffered brain damage from hypoxic event during labor, stemming from mismanagement of Pitocin and Terbutaline.	Randy B. Nassau
6	Melvin Lee and Carol Lee v. The City of New York The New York City Police Department, Detective Carlos Marchena (Shield # 6212), P.O. "John Doe" Fictitious Name Meant to Designate Police Officer Who Permitted Injury to Plaintiffs and Julio E. Gonzalez	\$ 28,205,372	Pedestrian struck in crosswalk during car chase alleged injuries were caused by negligence of police officer who used unmarked van without a siren or built-in emergency lights to pursue minor traffic offender.	Robert J. Genis
7	Sean Dowdell v. 4545 Eastcoast, LLC., TF Cornerstone & TF Cornerstone QW2GC, LLC.	\$ 25,370,000	Construction foreman sought to recover for loss of leg and other injuries sustained in a 20 foot fall from an elevated deck.	Kenneth Sacks, David H. Mayer, James J. McCrorie
8	Eugene Sims a/k/a James Small v. City of NY; & Sgt. Sean O'Brien, Individually, and in His Official Capacity as NYC P.O.	\$ 25,200,000	Arrestee alleged police used excessive force by shooting him while he was lying chest down on the ground, leaving him with a paralyzing injury.	David M. Godosky
9	Walter Miller v. BMW of North America, LLC, et al.	\$ 25,000,000	Automobile mechanic alleged mesothelioma was caused by grinding automotive brakes that contained asbestos.	Douglas D. von Oiste, David A. Chandler
10	PPC Broadband, Inc., d/b/a PPC v. Corning Optical Communications RF, LLC	\$ 23,850,000	Broadband company claimed optical communications company infringed patents for coaxial cable connectors.	John T. Gutkoski, Bella S. Satra, Douglas J. Nash, Gabriel M. Nugent, Jason C. Halpin, John D. Cook, Kathryn Daley Cornish, and Mark E. Galvez
11	Ivan and Stella Tafur vs. A 1 Entertainment, LLC	\$ 20,403,540	Taxi passenger who was ejected from vehicle following collision with drunk driver brought dram shop action against Manhattan nightclub.	Samuel L. Davis
12	Hanna Bouveng v. NYG Capital LLC d/b/a New York Global Group, FNL Media LLC, and Benjamin Wey	\$ 18,000,004	Former employee brought retaliation and defamation action against CEO that allegedly terminated her from her job after she resisted his sexual advances and then characterized her as an alcoholic, party girl, and a prostitute.	Morelli Law Firm, PLLC
13	Steven Espinal v. Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, Roger Torres, Maritza Torres	\$ 16,000,000	Motorcycle-rider struck by car in an intersection; claimed aggravation of his injuries by actions of hospital aide in subduing him after his coma.	Louis Grandelli
14	Juan Vargas v. Peter Scalandre & Sons, Inc., Ferrera Bros. Building Materials Corp., Rad & D'Aprile Construction Corp., Total Safety Consulting, LLC, and AB Green Gansevoort, LLC	\$ 10,600,000	Worker tripped and fell while repairing a loading dock's gate, allegedly sustaining injuries of his back.	Neva Hoffmaier
15	A. Katherine Chisholm, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard G. Chisholm, Deceased v. R.T. Vanderbilt Company, Inc. Individually and as Successor in Interest to Gouverneur Talc Company, Inc.	\$ 10,055,000	Worker learned that he was suffering mesothelioma, allegedly from exposure to asbestos that was contained in talc.	Donald P. Blydenburgh, Arthur Prystowsky
16	Yolanda Abarca Ramos v. Lester Bartis & South Shore Ready Mix, Inc.	\$ 9,000,000	Pedestrian struck while in a crosswalk by a concrete truck, resulting in leg amputation and other injuries.	Theodore A. Naima