

**Chicago Lawyer 2005 Settlement Survey:
\$2 Million to \$4.9 Million — Outside Cook County**

Amount ¹ (millions)	Plaintiffs Attorneys and Firms ^{2,3}	Case Cite/County	Case Summary ⁴
\$4.00	Anthony C. Raccuglia and Louis L. Bertrand Anthony C. Raccuglia & Associates (Ottawa, Ill.)	<i>Kathy Theesfeld, as Mother and Next Friend of Hannah Theesfeld, a minor v. St. Margaret's Hospital, No. 99 L 122</i> (LaSalle County)	Medical Malpractice: Plaintiff alleged that her daughter sustained brain damage at birth because medical staff at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley failed to properly monitor her October 1998 delivery and respond to fetal distress.
\$4.00	Joseph E. Kolar and Robert S. Balzer Balzer & Kolar P.C. (Highland Park)	<i>Allaro v. Mundelein Disposal Inc. and Parker Fiene, No. 03 L 1014</i> (Lake County)	Auto Collision: A Mundelein garbage truck crossed the center line of Gimer Road in Wauconda and collided head-on with plaintiff's vehicle, causing a closed head injury with short-term memory loss; a broken jaw and facial bones; extensive lacerations on his face; broken leg bones and severe knee injuries.
\$3.48	John E. Partelow and Patrick M. Guimet Series & Quimet	<i>Estate of Reddick v. Bloomington Police Officers, et al., No. 96 C 1109 (N.D. Ill.)</i> (DuPage County)	Civil Rights: Susan Reddick reported a domestic disturbance at her Bloomington home in November 1995, and police, firefighters and paramedics responded. Defendants subdued and handcuffed Reddick's husband, Robert, after he refused to voluntarily leave their home, and strapped him face-down on a backboard for transport to Glen Oaks Medical Center. In the ER, Robert suffered cardiac arrest and died, allegedly from being suffocated because he was placed in a position that compromised his breathing.
\$3.25	James G. Walker Walker & Walker (Bloomington)	<i>Estate of John Maxwell v. Electrolux Home Products Inc. f/k/a Eureka Co., No. 00 L 112</i> (McCook County)	Product Liability: The family of a man who died of laryngeal cancer and leukemia after having worked for 26 years at the Eureka Company in Bloomington alleged that his illnesses were caused by occupational exposure to various chemicals containing chrome and nickel. Defendants attributed the cancers to cigarette smoking.
\$3.00	Ralph R. Hruby Ralph R. Hruby Ltd. (Wheaton)	<i>Jean Ortega-Piron as Guardian and Next Friend of Marcus Trybul, a minor, and the Northern Trust Company as Guardian of the Estate of Marcus Trybul, a minor v. R. Risha Raven, Dr. Kyu Jun Cho, KSB Hospital and Northern Illinois Physicians Group P.C., No. 01 L 30</i> (Lee County)	Medical Malpractice: A baby was born at Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital in Dixon, Ill., with mental retardation, cerebral palsy, microcephaly and a seizure disorder as a result of defendants' alleged failure to recognize signs of fetal distress and perform a C-section.
\$2.60	Jeffrey J. Kroll and J. Ryan Potts Clifford Law Offices	<i>Terese Oswald, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Douglas Oswald, Deceased v. Titan Tire Company Inc., a corporation, and Midwest Services Inc., No. 01 L 48</i> (Adams County)	Work Injury: A 24-year-old tank truck driver was offloading 8,000 gallons of hazardous Heptane at a Des Moines plant when a valve misdirected the fluid into a discharge pipe rather than a storage tank. The liquid surrounded the truck and was ignited by a passing vehicle. The man sustained fatal burns.
\$2.30	Marshall N. Dickler, James A. Slowikowski Dickler, Kahn, Slowikowski & Zavell Ltd. (Arlington Heights)	<i>Board of Managers of the Townhomes of Woodland Hills Condo Association v. The Woodland Hills Development Co., et al., No. 93 L 1298</i> (Lake County)	Business: Townhomes of Woodland Hills Condo Association sued the developer who third-partied carpentry subcontractor Joy Builders - citing construction defects, deviations from plan and applicable building codes.
\$2.25	Shawn S. Kasserman Corboy & Demetrio	<i>Jayson Tran, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Zachary Tran, a minor, Deceased v. American Playground Corp., an Indiana Corporation, Greater Libertyville Soccer Association, Inc., a domestic not-for-profit corporation, and Vernon Hills Park District, a municipal corporation, No. 03 L 1069</i> (Lake County)	Educational Malpractice: A 6-year-old boy died after a gust of wind blew over a movable soccer goalpost, striking him on the head. Plaintiffs claimed the goal had no counterbalance and relied on ground stakes - missing at the time of the accident - to prevent it from falling forward. The case is still pending against American Playground Corp. and Vernon Hills Park District.
\$2.10	Mark Novak and Mark C. Murnane Anesi, Ozmon, Rodin, Novak & Kohen	<i>Brian M. Haggerty v. Tarcom Corp. et al., No. 99 L 918</i> (Will County)	Work Injury: Plaintiff, an apprentice ironworker, blamed a lack of fall protection at a Romeoville job site for a fall that fractured his left hip and wrist.
\$2.00	Robert P. Walsh Clifford Law Offices	<i>Gulaberg v. R.J. Reynolds Co., No. 03-5566 (N.D. Ill.)</i>	Auto Collision: Defendant made a left turn in front of plaintiff's car on Highway 11 near Hilo, Hawaii, striking the vehicle and causing multiple injuries to its six passengers.
\$2.00	John B. Kralovec Kralovec, Jambois & Schwartz	<i>Vicki Boyd v. Drs. Jatis and Martini, No. 99 L 701</i> (Will County)	Medical Malpractice: The improper placement of a catheter injured plaintiff's spinal cord and caused a permanent loss of sensation and movement to her lower extremities.
Total settlements: 11		Total Dollars: \$30.98 million	

Notes:

1. Settlements are rounded and listed in descending order by dollar amounts. In case of tie, settlements are listed chronologically by when the case was filed. Jury Verdict Reporter's policy is to include payouts from plaintiffs' own insurance policies in the total; excluded from totals are workers' compensation payments. All settlements were published in either the Daily Law Bulletin, Chicago