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Overview

As a highly skilled litigator with over 25 years' experience, Ted understands that being the victim in a personal injury case is a traumatic experience. It can become even worse if you are not represented by attorneys who have the experience to advocate for your rights and the best possible recovery you are entitled to under the law.

Ted has a proven, successful track record handling all types of personal injury and product liability cases, including complex trial matters involving wrongful death and permanent disability. He is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, membership in which is limited to trial lawyers who have demonstrated exceptional skill in advocacy by achieving a trial verdict, award, or settlement in the amount of \$1 million or more.

Ted regularly receives referrals from attorneys and professionals in Massachusetts and other states because of his reputation for handling car accident cases and interstate trucking accident cases in a professional and efficient manner. If a case is accepted, the client and the referring attorney have Ted's commitment that he will expend the necessary time and financial resources, as well as employ in-house staff and specially-retained outside experts, to resolve the claim. For each case, the Firm assembles the team of professionals best suited to pursue the maximum recovery for the client.

Due to Mirick's reputation in the community and in other states, the Firm has developed strong relationships with many other professionals, including actuaries, doctors, accountants, economists, bankers, vocational experts, accident reconstruction experts, and engineers. These

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Education

Boston College Law School JD

Boston College BA, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

Massachusetts

Related Services

Litigation

Personal Injury Litigation

professionals provide pre-trial opinions and testify at trial. Their expert reports and testimony have resulted in many favorable settlements.

We also work closely with our Trusts and Estates Team and tax attorneys, as well as actuaries and nationally known consultants in the preparation of structured settlements.

Experience

Verdicts and Settlements

Record Setting Traumatic Brain Injury Case \$22,650,000 million

Ted Bassett represented a young woman hit by a drunk driver who was on his way home from a local bar. The young girl sustained permanent brain damage with memory loss and cognitive deficits. The defendant was sentenced to eight to ten years in jail. Ted sued the drunk driver and the six bars where he drank before the accident. Ted obtained a judgment totaling \$22.65 million—which was reported to be the largest personal injury judgment in Worcester County, Massachusetts.

Premises Liability Accident Results in \$2,200,000 Settlement

Ted Bassett successfully prosecuted a case against a landlord who negligently failed to inspect the sliding glass doors in a second floor apartment.

Victim of Drunk Driving Accident Awarded \$2,000,000

Ted Bassett also obtained a judgment in the Worcester Superior Court for \$2,049,867.00 for the victim of a drunk driving accident.

Interstate Truck Accident Results in \$2,000,000 Settlement

Ted Bassett secured a \$2.1 million settlement for a client injured when a Canadian Trucking Company failed to properly secure a cargo of lumber. It was later discovered that the truck driver was fatigued and had falsified his logbook.

Motorcycle Driver Recovers \$900,000

Ted Bassett settled a personal injury case for a motorcycle driver even though the police reconstruction team concluded that the motorcycle had crossed over the center line. Ted assembled an accident reconstruction team which proved that other vehicle crossed the center line.

Electrocution Case Results in \$895,000 Settlement

Although plaintiff was injured in a foreign country, Ted Bassett successfully negotiated a settlement in the Federal District Court of Massachusetts for the injured plaintiff.

Amusement Park Injury Results in \$600,000 Settlement

Ted Bassett has been an advocate for safety regulations at amusement parks. Quoted in the Boston Herald, "I don't think anybody can give a rational reason why amusement parks should be exempt from regulations when the safety of our children is at stake."

Cable Car Accident in Canada Results in Confidential Settlement

Ted Bassett secured confidential settlements for three clients injured in a freak cable car accident in Canada. The case was featured on Canadian National Television.

Defective Toy Case Results in \$270,000 Award

Court approved an award of \$270,000 for child who was injured by a dangerous toy which had been the subject of a recall by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Confidential Settlement in Louise Woodward Case

Ted Bassett served as co-counsel for Drs. Sunil and Deborah Eappen in the well-publicized wrongful death case of Matthew Eappen v. Louise Woodward (British nanny).

Sample of Reported Cases

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

- [Slaves of The Immaculate Heart of Mary of Saint Benedict Center v. Thomas A. Dalton 397 Mass 784, 494 NE 2d 7.](#)

Federal Bankruptcy Court

- [In re: Mohawk Industries, Inc., Debtor 54 Bankruptcy Reporter 409 \(also reported in Federal Supplement\)](#)

Massachusetts Appeals Court

- [James Burke v. The Memorial Hospital 29 Mass App Ct 948, 558 NE 2d 1146.](#)
- [Bates v. John Hancock, 6 Mass App 823; 370 NE 2d 1386.](#)
- [Grenier v. Town of Hubbardston, 7 Mass App Ct 911; 388 NE 2d 718.](#)

Affiliations

- Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, Board of Governors
- Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America, president
- Northborough and Southborough Education Foundation, former president
- Southborough Zoning Board of Appeals, former chair
- Anna Maria College, Board of Trustees, former member of the Executive Committee

Awards & Recognitions

- Named a Massachusetts “Super Lawyer” by *Boston* magazine and *Law & Politics* (2004-2009; 2011-present); and as a New England “Super Lawyer” (2007-2009)
- Named as one of the “Top Ten Lawyers in Massachusetts” by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* (2000)
- Lifetime Achievement Award, America’s Top 100 Attorneys (2018)
- Top 10 Attorney Award, the National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys (2018)
- Selected as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America (2018)
- Top 10 Trucking Trial Lawyers Award, The National Trial Lawyers (2018)
- Founding Board Member and Installed as the President of the Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America (APITLA) (2016)
- The Million Dollar Advocates Forum, member
- Thurgood Marshall Fighting for Justice Award, APITLA (2016)
- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Articles & Speaking Engagements

- “Tried-and-True Negotiation Strategies for Plaintiff’s Attorneys,”

National Business Institute Seminar (October 10, 2023)

- “Local attorney discusses possible liability of ‘One Chip Challenge’ company after teen’s death,” interview Spectrum News 1 Worcester (September 12, 2023)
- “Personal Injury Litigation-Dealing with Medicare, Medicaid, Hospital and Health Insurance Liens,” National Business Institute Seminar (August 30, 2023)
- “Bad Faith Litigation in Personal Injury Cases” and “Tactics in Settling Personal Injury and Wrongful Death cases,” National Business Institute Seminar (April 18, 2023)
- “Introduction of Medical Bills” and “Liens from Health Insurers in Personal Injury Cases,” National Business Institute Seminar (November 17, 2022)
- “[April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month](#),” *On Air with Mirick O’Connell* legal podcast (April 2022)
- Quoted in “Accountability remains elusive for veterans who died at Holyoke Soldiers’ Home,” *The Boston Globe*, December 1, 2021
- Quoted in “[Case Against ‘Careless’ Smoker Survives Summary Judgment](#),” *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, May 20, 2021
- “[Take Me Out to the Ball Game... and Take Away My Right to a Jury Trial](#),” *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, April 26, 2021
- “[Whiplash: It’s No Laughing Matter](#),” *On Air with Mirick O’Connell* legal podcast (January 2021)
- “Whiplash: It Is Only Funny Until It Happens to You,” Mirick O’Connell’s Massachusetts Injury Lawyer Blog, November 6, 2020
- “[The Importance of Having Enough Automobile Insurance Coverage](#),” *On Air with Mirick O’Connell* legal podcast (October 22, 2020)
- Quoted in “How effective are liability waivers in the age of the novel coronavirus?,” *American Bar Association Journal*, July 2, 2020
- Quoted in “State to send another \$130 million in emergency aid to long-term care sites,” *The Boston Globe*, April 27, 2020
- “[COVID-19 Nursing Home Funding](#),” *On Air with Mirick O’Connell* legal podcast (April 24, 2020)

- [“COVID-19 Nursing Home Funding,”](#) Mirick O’Connell’s Massachusetts Injury Lawyer Blog, April 24, 2020
- “Quoted in “Appeals Court revives case against Cape Cod skydiving company,” *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, July 12, 2018
- [“The U.S. Department of Transportation is accepting comments on a proposal requiring speed limiters on certain trucks and buses,”](#) Mirick O’Connell Client Alert, November 2016
- [“Understanding the New “Hours of Service” Regulations”](#) (Winter 2014)
- “Trucking Regulations and Trucking Company Liability, The National Business Institute
- [“Litigating Spinal Cord Injuries,”](#) *The Lawyer’s Log Book*, Volume 3
- [“What to do When You are Injured by a Drunk Driver,”](#) *The Lawyer’s Log Book*, Volume 2
- [“Underinsurance Coverage – Purchase the Maximum Coverage Available,”](#) *The Lawyer’s Log Book*, Volume 1
- Quoted in “Lawyers Predict Expansion of Social Host Liability Law,” *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, (February 29, 2012)
- “Legislative Update – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Including Hours of Service,” The Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America National Conference, September 2009
- Ted has been invited to speak in Las Vegas, Atlanta, St. Louis, Boston and Chicago on the preparation and trial of personal injury cases and interstate trucking cases. He has been a featured speaker on a number of occasions on trial topics and on brain injury cases of the West LegalEdcenter®. These national web seminars are broadcast throughout the United States.
- Ted’s high-profile cases have been featured in many news publications, including the *National Law Journal*, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Boston Herald* and the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*. He has also been interviewed or featured on television news programs in New England and Canada