

Premises Liability

Sami Barrak v. Report Investment Corporation, Inc. and Lil Abner's Corporation d/b/a Tootsie's Cabaret

Jury Verdict: \$102,714,734.09

On July 31, 2002, Sami Barrak was a patron at Tootsie's Cabaret, which was a tenant at the Sierra Shopping Center owned by Report Investment Corporation, Inc. After leaving the establishment, while sitting in his car, Sami Barrak was shot by an unknown assailant. He was shot in the neck and rendered quadriplegic. Sami is now ventilator dependent and resides in Tunisia. This was a five-week trial and the jury deliberated for one day and a half. The jury found that Report Investment was in possession and control of the property where Sami Barrak was shot and that the owner of the property had a duty to maintain its parking lot in a reasonably safe condition, commensurate with the activities conducted on the property in order to prevent harm to its business invitees. The jury also found that Tootsie's Cabaret was not a contributing cause of plaintiff's injuries and awarded Sami Barrak \$1,400,000.00 in past medical expenses, \$28,000,000.00 in future medical expenses, \$164,734.09 in past lost earnings, \$650,000.00 of future lost earnings, \$2,500,000.00 in past pain and suffering, and \$70,000,000.00 for future pain and suffering.

At trial, plaintiff called seven expert witnesses. Within one week after the verdict, plaintiff was able to settle the verdict for the total policy limits of \$26,000,000.00. This case was litigated by Manuel Epelbaum and Robert J. Dickman, Jr.

City of Hapeville v. XYZ Insurance Company

Judgment: \$20,000,000.00

Plaintiffs obtained a judgment against the insurance company for failure to indemnify City of Hapeville for claims paid as a result of the losses brought by several plaintiffs alleging police misconduct. In addition to the judgment against the insurance company, plaintiffs were able to obtain \$8,500,000.00 in settlements on behalf of individual plaintiffs who were the victims abused by police officers in the City of Hapeville Police Department. This case was litigated by Robert J. Dickman and Manuel Epelbaum.

John Doe v. City of Hapeville

Settlement: \$8,500,000.00

Robert J. Dickman represented eleven juveniles who were the victims of molestation and sexual abuse by a police officer employed by the City of Hapeville. It was alleged that former police officer from the City of Hapeville had, over a period of several years, falsely imprisoned, sexually abused and assaulted several children who were under his custody. To read more about this case, please click [Hapeville case under Our Experience](#).

John Doe v. XYZ

Settlement: \$1,250,000.00

Plaintiff was a participant in the swim and dive program at a university. While attending the program in the summer, he was repeatedly sexually molested and abused by a university employee who was using the public bathrooms that were also being used by the camp. This case settled at mediation. This case was litigated by Robert J. Dickman and Robert J. Dickman, Jr.

Frisby v. Holiday Isle

Settlement: \$1,100,000.00

Plaintiff was staying at Holiday Isle in the Florida Keys and dove into water that was not properly marked as being shallow. Upon diving into the water, Plaintiff struck a cinder block that was under water and sustained a fracture to his neck resulting in quadriplegia. Plaintiff was able to make a significant recovery and although still suffering signs of his paralysis, he has become independent and is self-sustaining. This case was litigated by Robert J. Dickman and Manuel Epelbaum.

Moss v. Hudson

Jury Verdict: \$1,000,000.00

This case was tried resulting in a verdict on behalf of the Plaintiff as a result of the death of their child. That child tragically drowned in a pool that was accessible due to improper locking of a fence into the pool. This case was litigated by Robert J. Dickman.