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**JUDGMENTS,
 VERDICTS &
 AWARDS**

(CLIENTS
 REPRESENTED
 BY LEESFIELD
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[AVIATION]

FAMILY OF RAUL VEGA \$1,000,000 **3 →**
 FAMILY OF GEORGE BARLEY \$1,000,000

[PRODUCT SAFETY]

CORY MODERSOHN \$5,100,000 **5 →**
 TODD EIMERS \$19,800,000

[NURSING HOME]

BARBARA JOHNSON \$1,000,000 **7 →**
 AMELIA SANCHEZ \$600,000

[PREMISES LIABILITY]

FAMILY OF GARY BATZ \$5,250,000 **9 →**
 TIM JEFFERY \$1,000,000

[BAD FAITH/INSURANCE]

BUDDY JONES \$600,000 **11 →**
 MARGARET REICH \$500,000

[AUTOMOBILE]

← 4 JOHN SCOLARD \$3,250,000
 FAMILY OF NHAN NGUYEN \$1,000,000

[INADEQUATE SECURITY]

← 6 J. G. \$3,000,000
 FAMILY OF ALVIN BARROSO \$1,000,000

[MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE]

← 8 IDA McCALL \$2,800,000
 E. G. \$2,575,000

[TRUCKING]

← 10 FAMILY OF YOLANDA PRESTON \$5,300,000
 LONG AND WARDLOW FAMILIES \$2,145,000

[RECREATION]

← 12 ESTATE OF WALKER \$825,000
 CHAD WHITLOCK \$600,000

EVERY CLIENT COUNTS CONTINUED: 



In Florida: Every Client Counts

At LLRM in Miami and Key West, Every Client Counts

This issue of Petition is dedicated to our clients and co-counsel who have made our practice so challenging and satisfying over the last 25 years.



Ira Leesfield

The results reported on the "ballot" and in the following pages represent some of the many clients who have counted on our firm to restore their economic security, quality of life and dignity to their families. At the start of this century, we express our gratitude to the many extraordinary clients and families we have had the privilege to represent, such as:

College student **John Scolaro** was on his way to a career in journalism when he



John Leighton

was struck by the defendant's commercial vehicle leaving him neurologically impaired. His **\$3.25 million** recovery has allowed him to continue school and start a new life.

Todd Eimers was 27 years old when his defective Honda

motorcycle went out of control rendering him a quadriplegic. Todd was devastated and on



Maria Rubio

new life.

the brink of disaster when our **\$19.8 million** verdict turned his world around. He is now married, active in church and enjoying a

Ed Lang, born with osteogenesis imperfecta, fought all odds to become an active and productive citizen working for Miami's local newspapers. Defendant's defective auto product caused Ed multiple injuries. For the remainder of his brief life, he had the dignity and ability to care for his family through his **\$425,000** settlement. Ed's courage is still with us.



Baby Baillou-Guy

born prematurely, lost her hand through medical neglect. Raised by a single parent, her substantial economic recovery has provided education, medical attention and economic security.

Claudette, devoted wife and mother of three, was in the prime of her life when the



George Mahfood

defendant's medical negligence and failure to diagnose prematurely ended her life. Her **\$2.2 million** settlement allowed her young children and family to have new opportunities, but they will always live with the void of this loss.

Tim Jeffery was a hero--shot by an assailant while protecting a senior citizen. He received serious neurological and vascular internal injuries. But, his **\$1.6**



Patricia Kennedy

million recovery gave him the opportunity to re-establish his business and relocate his family.

Gary Batz, dedicated husband and father of three had just completed his dream home when a defective lighting system took his life prematurely. His children are completing their education with the assistance of a **\$5.25 million** settlement which protects the economic

future of his beloved family.

George Barley, Jr. was fighting to save the



Thomas Scalaro

Everglades when his plane crashed in Central Florida. His estate's **\$1.8 million** recovery allows his work to continue while protecting the family's future.

Cory Modersohn, rendered a paraplegic, had just married his high school sweetheart. His **\$5.1 million** recovery now provides for a future this couple always dreamed of and allowed new business opportunities, otherwise not available to this fine young man.

Barbara Johnson suffered from Alzheimer's, requiring



Robert Boyers

her placement at Key West Convalescent Center. The neglect by her caretakers resulted in numerous falls and brain trauma.

Her **\$1 million** recovery allowed her husband to elevate the quality of care at a new facility.

Ethel and David Fahrer

were married 60 years when they suffered massive injuries as a result of the defendant's reckless driving. Their **\$1.4 million** recovery allowed them to maintain dignity and independence during their senior years with appropriate nursing and health care.

E.G. went into the hospital for neck surgery. While hospitalized she was given a combination of drugs which



Mark Syvester

rendered her permanently brain damaged and in an irreversible comatose state. Her **\$2.575 million** recovery now allows for round-the-clock care and an increased measure of dignity in her life.

The family of **Raul Vega** waited for him to return from his test flight as a student instructor. The negligent maintenance of the defendant's Cessna forever took him from his loved ones. Their **\$3 million** award funded education programs for all the children and allowed this family to honor the memory of this wonderful husband and father.

SUPPORT SOURCES FOR YOU AND YOUR CLIENTS.

Before, during and after trial, counsel and their clients can benefit from the information provided by numerous national support groups. Below is a partial list of available sources to assist with case preparation and client comfort:

BEREAVEMENT & HOSPICE SUPPORT NETLINE:

<http://ube.ubalt.edu/www/bereavement/>

INJURY ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORT GROUPS WORLDWIDE

<http://globalcircle.net/support.htm>

SPINAL CORD INJURIES CENTER

<http://www.eskimo.com/~jlubin/disabled/sci.htm>

THE MIAMI PROJECT TO CURE PARALYSIS

<http://www.miamiproject.miami.edu/>

BRAIN TRAUMA FOUNDATION

<http://www.aitken.org/>

BURN SURVIVOR RESOURCE PAGE

<http://www.vanserve.org>

ADMINISTRATION ON AGING

www.aoa.dhhs.gov

THE NATIONWIDE NURSING HOME DIRECTOR:

www.nursinghomeinfo.com

GOVERNMENT GUIDE TO CRIME, FRAUD AND ABUSE VICTIMS

<http://www.governmentguide.com/health/crime.adp>

US CONSUMER PRODUCTS SAFETY COMMISSION

<http://www.cpsc.gov>

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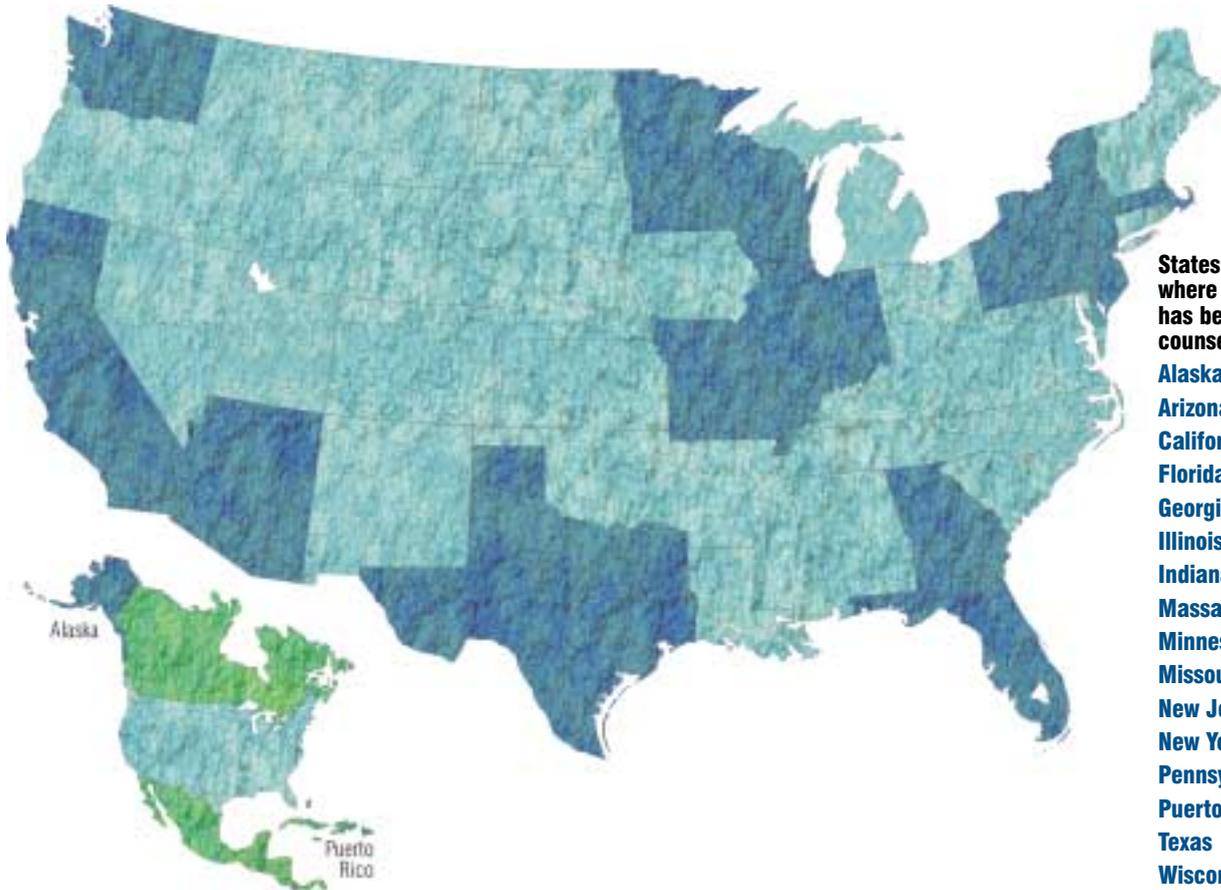
As we begin a new century, it is interesting and rewarding to look back at the many places we have worked and taught with our fellow trial lawyers. Thanks to your support, interest and confidence, we have had the opportunity to participate in conventions, seminars and

programs with our members and good friends of ATLA, the ABA and State Bar Associations throughout the country. Please give us the opportunity to reciprocate by extending a warm welcome when you are visiting or working in Florida and remember to visit our

Southernmost office in Key West.



Ira H. Leesfield
Managing Partner



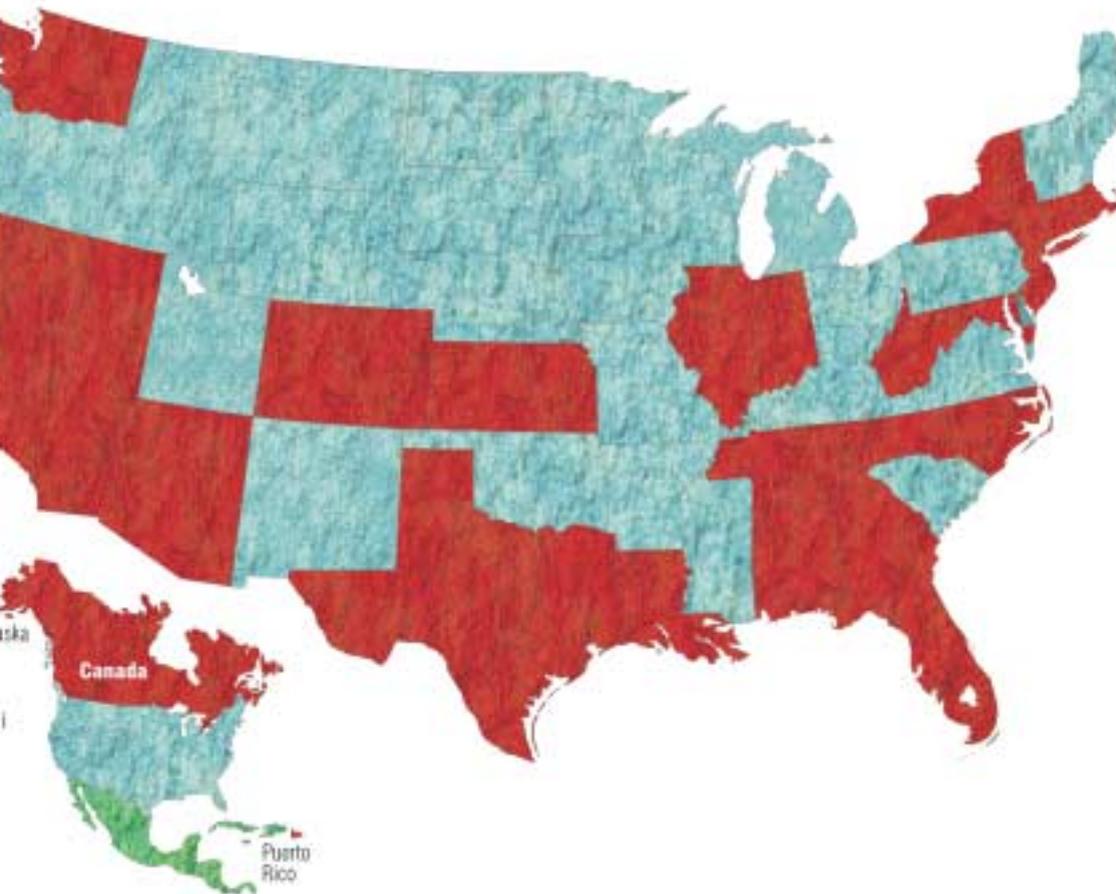
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Arizona
California
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Massachusetts
Minnesota
Missouri
New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania
Puerto Rico
Texas
Wisconsin
Washington**

Where We've Been...

**Locations where
LLRM attorneys have
conducted CLE
Programs and
Seminars:**

- Alabama**
- Arizona**
- California —
Western Trial
Lawyers Association**
- Canada**
- Colorado**
- Connecticut Trial
Lawyers Association**
- Florida**
- Georgia**
- Hawaii**
- Illinois**
- Indiana**
- Kansas**
- Louisiana**
- Maryland**
- Massachusetts**
- Michigan**
- Nevada**
- New Jersey**
- New York State Trial
Lawyers Association**
- North Carolina**
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Lawyers Association**
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Association**
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