

# NEWS RELEASE

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## 2001 Year End Review of Million Dollar Verdicts

ATTORNEY	CASE	VERDICT	CASE TYPE
Michael Piuze	Boeken v. Phillip Morris, et al.	<b>\$3,005.0 MIL</b>	Tobacco - PI
Brian Panish/Taras Kick	Lampe v. General Tire, et al.	<b>55.0 MIL</b>	Auto - Quadriplegic
Albert Massi	Stuart v. Pennington/Mattel/Hertz	<b>24.0 MIL</b>	Auto - Blind/Paraplegic
Francis Fernandez	Hardcastle v. Advocate Mines, et al.	<b>20.5 MIL</b>	Asbestos - PI
Philip Harley	Henderson, et al. v. ACandS, et al	<b>11.0 MIL</b>	Asbestos - PI
Frank Pitre	Zakoyan/Kostanian v. Poma Distributing Co., Inc., et al.	<b>7.0 MIL</b>	Wrongful Death
Rickey Wallace	Ruff v. Trindade, M.D., et al	<b>6.9 MIL</b>	Brain Injury
Patricia Bowling	Banks, Otho Lee v. Kinsman, M.D., et al.	<b>5.4 MIL</b>	Brain Injury
Stephen Tigerman	Taylor v. Raybestos-Manhattan, et al.	<b>3.1 MIL</b>	Asbestos - PI
Steven Glick	Clifford v. American Drugstore, et al.	<b>3.0 MIL</b>	Wrongful Termination
Stephen Walwyn	Browne v. Assured Aggregates Co., et al.	<b>2.9 MIL</b>	Auto - Back/Leg
Garo Mardirossian	Sirinun v. American Appliance Manufacturing Corp., et al.	<b>2.0 MIL</b>	Brain Injury
Matthew Biren	Matthew Hebb v. Rochefort, et al.	<b>1.4 MIL</b>	Brain Injury
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3.147 BIL</b>	

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Life Activity Calendar Impact:

**Economist Quantifies the Loss of Love, Care, Comfort & Society in the Wrongful Death of Homeless Man  
Jury Verdict: \$2,716,000**

Jury returns verdict of \$2,716,000 for the death of 26 year old homeless man; total earnings for prior 5 years less than \$10,000; survived by two minors and his mother; no appeal.

**Los Angeles, California** -Robert W. Johnson & Associates was retained to present economic testimony, utilizing the accepted and recognized Willingness-To-Pay (WTP) theory, to establish a range of values to assist the jury in calculating the loss of love, care, comfort, society, etc. to the surviving children.

**Citation:** *Covin v. City of Inglewood, Los Angeles, California, U.S. District Court, Central District, Court No. CV89-1032 HLH, Attorney Gary S. Casselman, Los Angeles, California.*

**Case Synopsis:** Mr. Samuel Covin, Jr., 26, was shot by the City of Inglewood Police, while living in his car. Mr. Covin was the father of two sons, ages 1 and 2, who lived with his common-law wife in her mother's apartment. He was unemployed at the time of his death and according to government records, his total income for the five (5) years

prior to his death, did not exceed \$10,000. Yet, he did provide financial support, as well as daily care, love and attention to his children, wife and mother. Both Mr. Covin's mother and children sued for their loss of his love, care, comfort & society, etc.

**Expert Testimony:** Mr. Johnson's testimony was based on accepted methods of economic analysis in the field of Human Life Valuation and federal government studies, which provide a range for valuing the intangible value of human life. This range is from \$1,600,000 to \$8,500,000. Mr. Johnson testified that federal government studies have concluded that the WTP dollar values are potentially useful when compensation involves putting a dollar figure on non-financial losses to the deceased or to survivors. Non-financial losses, according to Mr. Johnson, include such elements as love, care, comfort and society, etc.

**Attorney Comments:** "Since our pecuniary damages in the Covin case were limited, your testimony was vitally important to our case. As for the results, I think the \$2.7 million verdict speaks for itself. In fact, the juror foreperson told me the rest of the jury wanted to award more than triple that figure."

**Results:** The defense offered a pre-trial settlement of \$100,000 and they also asked the jury for a defense verdict. The most the defendants had ever paid before for a police incident was \$130,000. The jury returned a verdict of \$2,716,000, which included lost economic support and the loss of care, comfort, society, etc. to his children.

**ERRATA**

In our September 2001 News Release, describing the Richard Boeken vs. Philip Morris case, we mistakenly identified the plaintiff's attorney. We apologize to Michael J. Piuze who successfully tried this case to a *three billion-dollar* jury award. We regret this error.

**About Robert W. Johnson & Associates:** A nationally recognized (litigation economics) full service consulting firm that specializes in illustrating and quantifying (hard to value) damages. Services include: Court-qualified expert witness testimony in quantifying the loss of enjoyment of life (pain and suffering) in personal injury cases and quantifying the loss of love, care, comfort, society, consortium, etc. to the survivors in wrongful death cases. Other litigation support services include analyzing and placement of structured settlements, generating wage loss reports that include the present value of future medical expenses and illustrating the loss of quality of life with the LIFE ACTIVITY CALENDAR™.

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