



YEAR IN REVIEW NEWSLETTER

MAKING EVERY CASE COUNT:

MILLIONS WON FOR OUR CLIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN 2024

As we step into the new year, Phillips Law Offices would like to take a moment to reflect on 2024 — a year of unwavering pursuit of justice for our clients, and professional accomplishments. 2024 was a year of meaningful victories, both in the courtroom and in the lives of our clients. Over the past two (2) years, we have secured nearly \$60 million in verdicts and settlements for our clients and have turned life-changing setbacks into relief for injured victims and their families. Some of our recent results include:

- **\$15 million** for the family of a man who died following an outpatient hernia surgery;
- **\$10 million** for a child who lost one and half fingers in an escalator incident;
- **\$10 million** for the family of a man who died after being hit by a truck;
- **\$7 million** for a man who was injured when a truck collided with his motor cycle;
- **\$4 million** for a man who was injured when a semi-truck collided with motorcycle;

What Sets Us Apart

Our success lies in our unique approach: intense preparation, unwavering persistence, and unparalleled passion. By limiting the number of cases we take at any given time, we provide each client, and their case, the full measure of attention it deserves. This prioritization of quality over volume is what allows us to achieve results that not only provide families with financial relief, but

also much needed closure in an effort to restore their hope for the future. Unlike many law firms that prioritize volume over victory, we leave no stone unturned and craft an individualized, tailored strategy for each case that drives results. By following this approach, we have achieved outstanding financial recoveries for our clients above and beyond their expectations. While many law firms measure success by the number of attorneys they employ, or the number of cases they handle, we measure it by the lives we impact and security we provide during some of the darkest times in our client's lives.

Each victory tells a story of families relieved of financial burden, victims empowered to regain their sense of normalcy, and lives forever impacted by justice delivered. Our mission is to fight for those who cannot fight for themselves.

Looking Ahead to 2025

As we step into 2025, we are focused on broadening our reach while delivering unparalleled results. We look forward to taking on new and complex cases that others may overlook.

Whether it's tackling more catastrophic cases, advocating for changes in the law, mentoring future leaders in the field, or contributing to the legal literature, our goal is to continue making a difference—one case at a time. We are excited to share some of our key highlights from the past year.



Elite Team, Big Results: — Phillips Law Offices Recognized Among Top Firms in 2024 JVR Settlement Report

We are proud to announce that Phillips Law Offices has been ranked among the top firms in the prestigious 2024 JVR Settlement Report. For over 60 years, the Jury Verdict Reporter has collected and summarized verdicts and settlements in Illinois, comparing and contrasting results from law firms all across our state. This year, hundreds of law firms submitted settlement results - Phillips Law Offices ranked in the top 15% of all law firms in the state. We were one of the few law firms in the top 15% who employ five (5) or fewer attorneys. This recognition highlights our dedication to achieving exceptional results for our clients, but with a boutique style of litigation personalized for each respective client.

Remarkable Achievements

Our ranking is particularly notable given that we achieved one of the highest aggregate settlement amounts while submitting one of the lowest numbers of cases. With a small but highly skilled team of attorneys, we have proven that strategic focus and unwavering passion can lead to exceptional outcomes.

This underscores our philosophy: to make every case count by dedicating the time, resources, and expertise necessary to achieve the best possible results.

A Legacy of Excellence

For over 76 years, Phillips Law Offices has been committed to providing outstanding legal representation. As one of Illinois' oldest personal injury law firms, we have always prioritized quality over quantity, focusing on delivering life changing justice for our clients rather than a "temporary fix" to a permanent problem.

Thank You to Our Clients & Referring Attorneys

We extend our deepest gratitude to our clients and colleagues in the legal field for placing your trust in us. Your confidence motivates us to continue fighting for justice and upholding the values that have defined Phillips Law Offices for three quarters of a century. As we celebrate this achievement, we remain committed to providing top-tier legal representation and securing the best possible outcomes for our clients. Thank you for being part of our journey.

Phillips Law Offices Recognized in Best Law Firms in America 2025

It is with great pleasure that we announce Phillips Law Offices has been recognized as one of the top firms in America in the 2025 edition of Best Law Firms®. Stephen D. Phillips and Terrence M. Quinn have once again been named part of The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 Phillips Law Offices has consistently received Tier 1 rankings for our exceptional work in Personal Injury, Medical Malpractice, and Product Liability Litigation—securing our spot as one of the most respected personal injury and medical malpractice firms in the country. With decades of experience, the firm has a proven track record of holding negligent parties accountable and securing life-changing settlements and verdicts for its clients.



THINKING ABOUT REFERRING AN INJURY CASE ?

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PHILLIPS LAW OFFICES HAS BEEN FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF PERSONAL INJURY AND WRONGFUL DEATH VICTIMS FOR OVER 76 YEARS.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

Phillips Law Offices Secures \$4 Million Policy Limit Settlement for 76-Year-Old Motorcyclist Injured in Collision with a Semi-Truck



Phillips Law Offices is pleased to announce that its managing partner, Stephen D. Phillips, secured a \$4 million insurance policy limit settlement on behalf of a 76-year-old motorcyclist injured in a collision with a semi-truck. The accident occurred in August of 2020 in Hampshire, Illinois. While on his way to a memorial for a fallen police officer, our client, driving a motorcycle, collided with a semi-truck that made an illegal left turn across traffic, resulting in a serious crash. The impact was devastating, leaving our client with severe injuries including fractured vertebrae, chest and abdominal trauma, and damage to several toes.

We alleged that the truck driver failed to yield the right-of-way, made an improper left turn, and failed to maintain a proper lookout, leading to the tragic collision. We also discovered evidence that the trucking company failed to properly vet and hire the driver, who had been terminated by multiple other trucking companies for unsafe behavior. The truck driver and his employer denied that they were negligent and instead claimed that our client was solely at fault for the accident. The defendants hired multiple experts who testified that our client was speeding and failed to appropriately slow down when entering the intersection.

Despite attempts by the trucking companies to deny responsibility and shift blame onto our client, the team at Phillips Law Offices worked relentlessly

to prove our client was not at fault, and hold the negligent parties accountable. Through hundreds of hours of research and fact finding, we were able to show that the defendant trucking companies were all interconnected and were in essence, one big trucking corporation. The defendants each filed summary judgment motions that were heard shortly before trial. We were able to defeat summary judgment by showing the interconnectedness of the companies including sharing of employees, transfers of money, and other similar financial documents. Almost immediately after the denial of summary judgment, and after four (4) years of litigation, the defendants offered to settle the case for insurance policy limits the week before trial. This settlement not only ensures that the plaintiff receives the compensation he deserved but also highlights the importance of holding responsible reckless trucking companies, who often play a “shell game” to hide assets and insurance coverage.

**Stephen D. Phillips Honored as
One of America’s Top 100 Personal
Injury Attorneys® for 2025**



Phillips Law Offices proudly announces that its managing partner, Stephen D. Phillips, has been honored as one of America’s Top 100 Personal Injury Attorneys® for 2025. This prestigious recognition is reserved for the nation’s most accomplished litigators in high-stakes personal injury, catastrophic injury, wrongful death, product liability, and medical malpractice cases.

This recognition highlights the exceptional caliber of legal professionals who achieve membership among America’s Top 100 Personal Injury Attorneys®. Stephen D. Phillips’ inclusion in this elite group underscores his unwavering dedication to his clients and his outstanding accomplishments in the legal field.

Phillips Law Offices congratulates Stephen on this well-deserved recognition, reflecting his commitment to excellence and his impact on the lives of those he represents.

Phillips Law Offices is pleased to announce that attorney Stephen J. Phillips has secured a **\$1 Million insurance policy limits settlement** on behalf of a 44-year-old husband and father who sustained a significant shoulder injury following a slip-and-fall on an unplowed and unsalted parking lot at a shopping center in Skokie, Illinois.

The incident occurred as our client, who had just finished dining at one of the restaurants inside the mall, was walking to his car during a snowfall. The parking lot had not been salted or plowed at the time despite the fact that the snow had begun falling 6 hours earlier. As a result, our client slipped and fell on a patch of ice that had formed in a depression in the concrete, suffering a fractured shoulder that required surgery to insert a metal plate and screws in his shoulder. He continues to have significant shoulder pain due to the injury.

Through discovery, we were able to show that the mall management company was aware of an impending snowstorm, but only allowed 2 people to come salt and plow a small portion of the property. We adduced evidence that the mall management company had actually prevented their snow and ice vendor from safely doing their jobs in order to save money. The snow and ice vendor told the mall management company on multiple prior occasions that they wanted to start earlier and bring more personnel, but their requests were denied.

A third-generation trial lawyer, Stephen Phillips stated “This case was particularly special as both my brother and father helped in preparation for trial. The three of us got to work together on this case to get it over the finish line and ready for trial. Our client is also a family friend, so it was really nice to get the outcome we did here.”



Stephen also expressed appreciation for trial Judge Scott McKenna, whose astute understanding of the law helped resolve the case just prior to jury selection. Procedurally, this case involved an interlocutory appeal in which the 1st District Appellate Court affirmed the dismissal of a snow and ice company previously named in the lawsuit.

Stephen D. Phillips Featured on The Result Podcast to Discuss Recent \$15,000,000 Settlement



Phillips Law Offices is proud to announce that its managing partner, Stephen D. Phillips, was featured on episode #60 of the distinguished legal podcast, The Result. During the episode, Stephen discussed his work in securing a \$15 million settlement for the wrongful death of a 48-year-old man—a tragic case that highlights the severe consequences of medical negligence. The case involved a hardworking father of five and supervisor at a local grocery store chain who suffered a hernia injury at work. Thousands of

patients safely undergo routine hernia surgeries every year in America. Our client went to the hospital for what was supposed to be a routine 45 minute outpatient, elective hernia surgery. Because of significant errors in medical judgement, our client suffered a cardiac arrest and subsequently died after surgery.

The settlement provided much needed security to our client’s grieving family, which includes his wife of 24 years and their five children—one of whom has special needs and requires 24-hour care. He was not only a devoted father, but also a pillar of his extended family and community, making his loss deeply felt by all who knew him.

We invite you to listen to Stephen D. Phillips’ in-depth discussion about this impactful case and his insights into the pursuit of justice for victims of medical negligence. The episode is available on The Result podcast, accessible on Spotify, Pocket Casts, and Apple Podcasts.



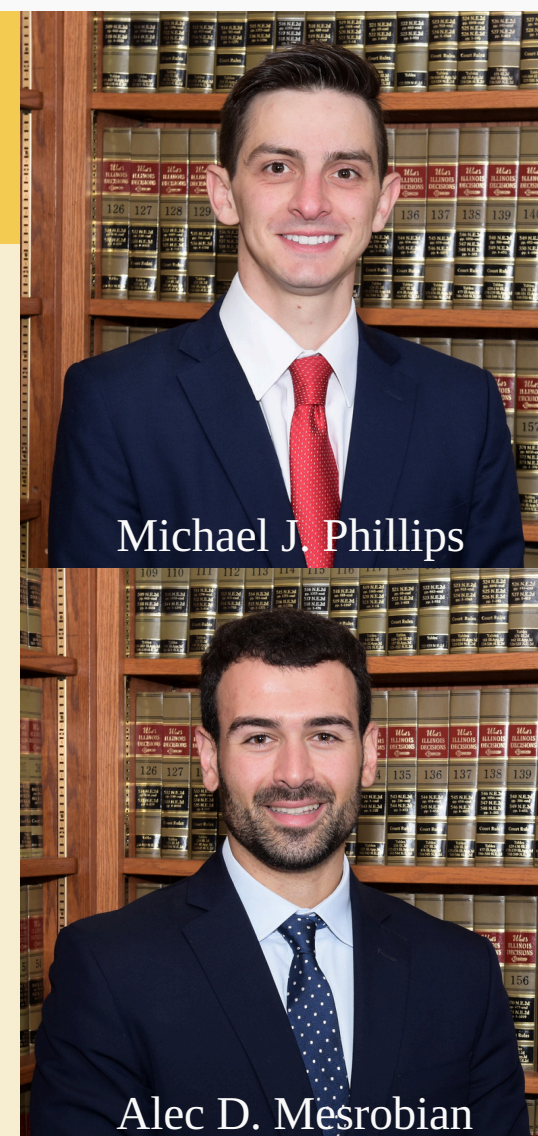
Michael J. Phillips & Alec D. Mesrobian Secure Over \$1 Million in Settlements for 2024

At Phillips Law Offices, we take pride in the dedication and talent of our younger attorneys, and this year, two of our youngest lawyers have made a tremendous impact. Michael J. Phillips and Alec D. Mesrobian have collectively secured over \$1 million in settlements, proving that age is no barrier to success in the courtroom. Their dedication to justice and relentless advocacy continue to have a profound impact on our clients.

Michael J. Phillips played a crucial role in assisting Stephen D. Phillips to secure a multi-million-dollar settlement in a complex trucking accident case where the Plaintiff suffered a fractured vertebrae and internal bleeding. Other recent notable settlements include a \$250,000 recovery for a wrist injury sustained in a fall at a physical therapy facility and a \$50,000 settlement for a woman who went to the emergency department after being hit in the nose by a parking gate.

Alec D. Mesrobian's casework has included a variety of serious medical malpractice and negligence claims, including a \$375,000 medical malpractice settlement after a client, left unattended following an MRI, fell and suffered vertigo and a fracture. In another case, Alec secured \$135,000 for a construction negligence claim where the Plaintiff fell due to missing handrails on a set of stairs, sustaining fractured ribs. Additionally, Alec secured a \$90,000 arbitration award for a mother and son who suffered non-permanent injuries when their parked car was struck by a distracted driver.

Alec and Michael's results speak volumes about their skill and commitment. As emerging young leaders in personal injury law, they continue to fight tirelessly for those who have been injured as a result of somebody else's carelessness.



Michael J. Phillips

Alec D. Mesrobian

YOUR NEW FAVORITE PODCAST IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Phillips Law Offices will be launching our very own podcast this coming spring! Designed to inform, inspire, and connect, this new venture will offer unique insights into the legal world, compelling stories, and practical advice for navigating complex legal issues. We invite you to explore topics that matter most to our clients, colleagues, and community.

Our podcast will feature a blend of solo episodes, engaging co-hosted discussions, interviews with industry experts and more. Whether you're a fellow attorney, a client, or simply curious about the law, there will be something for everyone.

Stay tuned for more updates, including the podcast's official title and release date. We can't wait to share this exciting project with you!



CHICAGO'S RECORD-BREAKING ATTORNEYS FIGHTING FOR YOU

For over 76 years, Phillips Law Offices has represented personal injury victims in Chicago and across the state – with record verdicts and settlements for our clients and their families. When our opposing lawyer's family members or friends are wrongfully injured, they call us to represent them – a testament to our reputation and standing in the legal community. Our Chicago personal injury and medical malpractice attorneys also represent the family members of wrongful death victims with record verdicts and settlements. With decades of experience, our firm has a proven track record of holding negligent parties accountable and securing life-changing results for our clients.

If you have been injured in an accident, or have been the victim of the negligent or wrongful actions of others, call us now at (312) 346-4262!

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