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## CASE RESULTS

### Two \$1,000,000 Settlements in Two Weeks

#### \$1.25 Million Settlement for Client Injured by Drunk Driver

- Settled in 13 Months -

In May 2012, our client was driving on a Dane County highway when she noticed a drunk driver crossing the center line toward her vehicle. Despite the fact that the client moved her vehicle as far to the right as she could on the shoulder of the highway, the drunk driver's vehicle still sideswiped her vehicle, causing injuries to both her legs.

Attorney Chad Kreblin negotiated and won a \$1.25 million settlement on behalf of the client from two separate insurance companies.

#### \$1 Million Settlement for Semi Driver After Another Lawyer Dropped Case

- Settled in 6 Months -

In June 2012, our client was driving a semi when another semi pulled off the shoulder into his path on the interstate near Hammond, Indiana. As a result of the accident, the client sustained various injuries and needed to be extricated from his semi.

The client initially consulted with another law firm, which informed him he would likely be found at fault for the accident and refused to take his case.

Attorney Chad Kreblin was able to settle the client's case for \$1,000,000 without needing to file a lawsuit.

Previously, a well-known Milwaukee firm dropped a client's case because they didn't think they could win. Attorney Michael Hupy took the case, started a lawsuit and got a jury to award him \$1,100,000.

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When your friends, family members or coworkers get injured, they may need an attorney. Please have them call us. We will be happy to help them, and there is no fee unless they are successful.

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## YOU SHOULD KNOW

Summer is in full swing and kids are everywhere, enjoying every glorious minute of summer vacation before it's back to school. With increased activity comes a whole new round of bumps and bruises, but summertime fun shouldn't be derailed by a trip to the hospital. Unfortunately, more than 3 million kids under 14 in America will be rushed to the emergency room with serious injuries this summer, and 2,000 will die. Here are some steps you can take to ensure the children in your life enjoy their favorite summertime activities safely:

### Tips for Pool, Playground and Bicycle Safety

#### Pools

**1) Install a four-sided fence:** Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death for children between 1 and 4 years of age, and many of those tragedies occur when children wander away from parental supervision. Install a four-sided fence around your pool instead of a three-sided fence with the house forming the fourth side. Also note that pool covers are often hard to see through and can conceal a drowning child.

**2) Stock rescue equipment:** Keep a shepherd's crook — a long pole with a hook on the end — and life preservers by the pool at all times. An important note: Water floaties are NOT a suitable alternative to life jackets or life preservers. Instead, use life jackets and exercise arm's-length parental supervision.

**3) Encourage swimming lessons:** Studies have shown that swimming lessons for children 1 to 4 years of age drastically reduce the risk of drowning — by up to 88 percent.

#### Playgrounds

**1) Use age-appropriate equipment:** Some playground equipment is only meant for older kids, but most don't differentiate between separate play areas for tots and tweens. Supervise children to make sure they are using equipment appropriate to their age group.

**2) Look for soft ground:** It can be hazardous when soft playground turf deteriorates and isn't replaced promptly. A fresh layer of wood chips, rubber, sand or other shock-absorbing material can dramatically decrease the risk of injury due to a fall from the equipment.

**3) Adult supervision:** Adult supervision ensures children use playground equipment properly and don't engage in unsafe behavior. If an injury should occur, an adult can assist the children by administering aid or calling for help.

#### Bicycles

**1) Properly fit helmets:** Wearing a bicycle helmet can prevent head injuries, but many children don't properly adjust theirs. Properly fit and adjust children's bike helmets to ensure full protection.

**2) Adjust bike seats:** There are obvious dangers involved in riding a bike, such as traffic or potholes, but crashes often happen because of a poorly maintained bike. Adjust a child's bike seat so it's two to four inches above the top bar. This guarantees that the child's legs never fully straighten out and lock in the down-pedal motion. Also check the tires and brakes before sending a child out on a ride.

**3) Brush up on traffic laws:** In most states, bikes are expected to follow the same basic traffic laws as automobiles. Educate your kids about the basics of bike traffic laws.

### Your Guide to Bicycle Safety



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### Client Testimonial

I would like to thank everyone who has been working on my case. You have no idea how much of a relief it is to not have to worry about the legalities and how to ensure proper compensation! Your entire staff has always treated me with compassion and respect. You are constantly in contact with me, keeping me updated on progress and educating me on what to expect. Lord willing, after this is all settled I won't ever need your services again, but if I do, I know who I will be calling without hesitation!

I am so glad to have the whole Hupy and Abraham team on my side. Since the accident I have been contacted by several firms, but none of them seemed to have the compassion or the client's best interests in mind as much as the people I have worked with from Hupy and Abraham. So again I say, and I can't say enough, Thank you!"

Sincerely,

- A. Jordan

## ON THE WEB

### Check Out the Newly Redesigned HUPY.COM

Our new online home was created to better assist the public and injury victims in need of legal information. The fresh, easier to navigate updates were made to accommodate our 11 offices in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa and feature the latest advances in web design including:

- State-specific information
- Interactive location maps
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## CONTEST ALERT

### Win Harley-Davidson 110th Anniversary Tickets

Twelve lucky winners will receive 110th Anniversary Ticket Packages that include a pair of admission tickets to the Henry Maier Festival Grounds August 29-31, 2013 (\$250 estimated value).



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Attorney Jason Abraham served as the keynote speaker for Career Youth Development's (CYD) First Annual Founder's Day Luncheon. CYD serves the community by providing employment and educational programs, food and clothing, substance abuse support, home buying assistance and much more to troubled youth, adults and entire families to help them make positive changes in their lives. In his speech, Attorney Abraham stressed the importance of giving back to the community and making the community a better place to live.

Hupy and Abraham, S.C. has supported CYD for more than a decade and is dedicated to giving back to the communities that have made the firm successful. Just as the firm was built by client through service and results, Hupy and Abraham, S.C. also intends to make a difference in the community individual by individual.

## IN THE COMMUNITY