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## CASE RESULTS

### Hupy and Abraham, S.C. Obtains More Than \$4 Million for Illinois Biker

On May 28, Attorney Jason Abraham obtained a settlement with payouts of more than \$4 million for an Illinois biker who was severely injured in a crash caused by a driver who failed to yield the right of way while turning left.

The insurance company waited until the eve of a hearing to make its initial offer of \$1.6 million. After that, the insurance company offered \$1.8 million and \$2.5 million before ultimately granting Attorney Abraham's only demand — the policy limit be paid.

### Insurance Company Denies Claim; Hupy and Abraham, S.C. Gets \$250,000

On Oct. 17, 2012, Hupy and Abraham, S.C.'s client was riding in a vehicle traveling on Highway 78 near Sunset Drive in Merrimac, Wis. The driver lost control of the vehicle, causing it to roll over, resulting in serious injuries for our client.

The insurance company refused to pay, claiming the policy didn't cover the driver who caused the accident. After months of litigation, the judge agreed our client should be covered and awarded the policy limit of \$250,000.

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## YOU SHOULD KNOW

### Attorney Hupy Urges Police Chiefs to Protect Pedestrians

Since 2009, pedestrian fatalities have increased by more than 7.5 percent on a national scale. With more than 4,000 pedestrian fatalities occurring each year since the turn of the century, these statistics are trending in the wrong direction, demonstrating the need for increased pedestrian awareness.

Whether you prefer to travel by car, motorcycle, bus or bicycle, every single person becomes a pedestrian at some point. Unfortunately, a pedestrian is killed every two hours and one is injured every seven minutes in traffic accidents on average.

To make the roads safer, the Federal Highway Administration is implementing more roundabouts, pedestrian crossing islands and pedestrian hybrid beacons.

#### **Key Factors of Pedestrian Accidents**

- **Time of day:** More than two-thirds of the pedestrian fatalities in 2012 occurred between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- **Age:** People over the age of 70 have the highest pedestrian death rate
- **Location:** In 2011, three out of four pedestrians were killed in urban areas

#### **Pedestrian Statistics by State**

- **Wisconsin:** Since 2008, Wisconsin's pedestrian accident statistics have remained virtually unchanged. To generate a positive trend, some local police departments are closely monitoring marked crosswalks and issuing written warnings or citations to violators.
- **Illinois:** Since 2007, Illinois has reduced its number of pedestrian accidents by more than 34 percent. Still, it's the 12th most dangerous state for pedestrians in terms of fatalities per capita.
- **Iowa:** Back in 2003, Iowa had the lowest rate of pedestrian fatalities per capita in the entire nation. Since then, it has dropped significantly and currently stands as the 17th safest state in the nation.

#### **Educating the Public**

To reduce the number of accidents and fatalities, Hupy and Abraham, S.C. is leading the charge to promote awareness of pedestrian right-of-way laws. To help drivers better understand that they should yield to pedestrians at all corners and crosswalks, the firm has distributed more than 20,000 "Yield To Pedestrians" bumper stickers in the last year alone.

In spring 2014, Attorney Michael Hupy was voted Top Local Activist. One of his initiatives is to prevent pedestrian accidents. He has been asked to appear on live television to discuss pedestrian safety and awareness. He also has written dozens of personal letters to urge police chiefs and mayors to enforce right-of-way laws by educating the public and issuing citations. And to bring even more awareness to the public, Attorney Hupy developed a potentially life-saving public service announcement that has aired 1000s of times in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

Please be aware of your surroundings and "Yield to Pedestrians." You can save lives.

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## Client Testimonial

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- D. Mcgarr

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Back to School: Hupy and Abraham, S.C. Donates Hundreds of Backpacks to Students

As the calendar flips to August, most parents and children begin planning for the upcoming school year. As the firm has done for many years, Hupy and Abraham, S.C. is giving backpacks to hundreds of school children.

The firm is handing out free backpacks at many community block parties and events, such as the Malaika Early Learning Center Back-to-School Event, Family Day, Association of Liberians Independence Anniversary and several National Night Out events. Hupy and Abraham, S.C. is dedicated to giving back to the community by supporting young people in their educational endeavors.



## ON THE WEB

### WIN, WIN, WIN!

Last Chance —

Enter the Summer Sweepstakes through August 31!

This summer, Hupy and Abraham, S.C. is holding drawings for more than \$3,000 in prizes.

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**SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES: More Than \$3,000 in Prizes from Hupy and Abraham, S.C.**

This summer, Hupy and Abraham, S.C. will be holding drawings for more than \$3,000 in prizes.

Three winners will be chosen each month (May-August 2014).

Winners will be awarded gift cards to the motorcycle destination of their choice, valued at \$500, \$250 and \$100.

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**Deputy Crashes into Sober Driver and Arrests Her for Drunk Driving**

On February 20, 2013, Deputy Sheriff Joseph Quiles T-boned 25-year-old Tanya Weyker in an accident that nearly killed her. But instead of accepting responsibility, Quiles tried to pin the blame on Weyker, who was arrested for OWI without a sobriety test.

Just two days later, the department discovered surveillance footage that showed Quiles rolling through a stop sign moments before the accident. But instead of apologizing, the department threatened to sue Weyker if she didn't pay for damages.

Months later, blood tests were released proving she was completely sober, but it still took five months for a prosecutor to decide not to file charges against her. It wasn't until ten months later that Deputy Quiles admitted rolling through the stop sign and causing the accident.

After Weyker was proven completely innocent, Hupy and Abraham, S.C. began pursuing justice on her behalf. This case is currently pending. Check [hupy.com](http://hupy.com) for updates on results Hupy and Abraham, S.C. obtains for this client.

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