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CASE RESULTS

\$4.25 Million for Rider

Ray Snyder started his motorcycle and his day like most others in August 2016. He left his Iowa home to visit his wife at her job in Rock Island, Illinois. In an instant, his life was dramatically changed.

He was headed eastbound when a work truck headed southbound disobeyed a stop sign. To avoid a head-on collision, our client swerved. He lost control of his motorcycle and was thrown into a stopped vehicle. His injuries were catastrophic. He had 27 fractures including 5 skull fractures.

While still hospitalized, our client's wife contacted Hupy and Abraham, S.C., the only law firm she would consider, knowing our reputation, and seeing our work and involvement in the community. The firm immediately began to help them navigate the difficult road to recovery. Over the next year and a half, Hupy and Abraham, S.C. built a case for our client and eventually forced the insurance company to agree to pay \$4.25 million to settle the claim without filing a lawsuit.

T-Boned Client Gets \$200,000

Our client was T-boned at an intersection by an inattentive driver and experienced a significant neck injury. A CT scan and MRI revealed the impact caused a spinal injury, the treatment of which normally would require hardware surgically implanted to strengthen the spine. Our client is allergic to the components in that hardware, so the surgery was postponed until alternative hardware could be developed.

Despite such a significant injury to our client's spine, the insurance companies claimed a previous neck injury absolved them from tendering policy limits. After months of negotiation, Hupy and Abraham, S.C. obtained \$100,000 in policy limits from the at-fault driver's insurance company and an additional \$100,000 from our client's underinsured motorist policy. Hupy and Abraham, S.C. did not allow our client to be pushed around by the insurance companies' tactics.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

Celebrate Awareness of Motorcycles, Bicycles During May

May is National Bike Month and Motorcycle Awareness Month. Each spring, restless cyclists and riders are finally able to resume their rides throughout the state. Other motorists need to be aware of the dangers these riders face.

When bikes and motorcycles return, drivers must take some safety precautions into consideration as they share the roads:

1. Drivers should slow down when approaching a bicycle. A fast-moving car or unexpected opening of a door can cause a bicyclist to swerve toward traffic.
2. Do not honk at a bicyclist, as it may surprise them. Leave at least 3 feet when passing a bicycle.
3. Obey the speed limit. Slow down if necessary due to road conditions.
4. Yield to bicycles and motorcycles like any other vehicles to avoid a collision.
5. When opening a car door, try to open the driver's side with your right hand. This allows you to look for an oncoming bicycle before opening the door.

If you're a bicyclist, here's how you can stay safer during your travels:

1. Ride with traffic in the same direction.
2. Tuck and tie your shoelaces so they do not get tangled in your bike chain.
3. Plan your route ahead of time. Try to choose routes that have less traffic and slower speeds.
4. Assume drivers do not see you.
5. Learn and use proper hand signals.
6. Look for hazards or dangerous situations to avoid that may cause you to fall, such as rocks, potholes, grates and tracks.
7. Watch for pedestrians and make sure to announce if you have to pass by them, or consider using a bell.
8. Have lights on the front and back of your bike that flash at night and reflectors in the wheels.
9. Wear reflective clothing.



Here are some tips to help keep motorcyclists safe while you're behind the wheel:

1. When turning left, make sure there is enough time and space for a rider to safely pass you before proceeding.
2. Always double-check your blind spots when switching lanes and entering or exiting the freeway.
3. Make sure all mirrors are in their proper placements and use them as needed.
4. Do not follow a motorcycle too closely. Make sure enough room is available for your vehicle to stop completely to avoid a crash.
5. Assess your surroundings. Don't rush when crossing intersections or entering from a driveway or parking lot. Give yourself time to look for riders.



One of the most important things you can do as a driver is **NOT DRIVE DISTRACTED**. Please be mindful of everyone on the roads and have a great summer!

ALERT: Knee Implant Warning

You may be entitled to compensation!

DePuy Orthopedics, Inc., has issued a worldwide recall of its Attune Knee System.

If you or someone you know is suffering from the effects of the DePuy knee implant, we can help. Contact us today at 1-800-800-5678.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Attorney Michael Hupy Recognized for His Efforts Toward Crime Prevention

Congratulations to Attorney Michael Hupy, who was recognized at the 69th Annual Crime Prevention Awards luncheon, hosted by Safe & Sound and LISC Milwaukee this winter. He was acknowledged as the Salvation Army Chaplaincy Program Outstanding Individual Involved in Crime Prevention. The Crime Prevention Awards honor private citizens and law enforcement professionals who, through their special contributions to crime prevention, make the local community a better place to live and work. The co-hosted event emphasizes the power of positive impact and exists to ensure individuals' efforts don't go unnoticed.



As winner of this award, Attorney Hupy was commended for his longtime dedication and love for the community as an advocate in many areas of crime prevention. To advance justice and raise awareness for gun violence and pedestrian safety, Attorney Hupy has personally offered monetary rewards to assist police with their search for perpetrators.

ON THE WEB

New Hupy and Abraham, S.C. Merchandise Is Now Available!

With summer quickly approaching, it's time for brand-new Hupy and Abraham, S.C. gear! We have new shirts available, along with something you haven't seen before: Watch for Motorcycles hats! Make sure you don't miss the chance to get yours! We will be at events across Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa all summer long! Find out where we'll be by visiting us on the web at <https://www.hupy.com/library/calendar.cfm>.



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Wisconsin Law Journal

Hupy and Abraham, S.C. Named 'Best Personal Injury Law Firm' AGAIN by the Wisconsin Law Journal

For the second consecutive year, the readers of the Wisconsin Law Journal have voted Hupy and Abraham, S.C. "Best Personal Injury Law Firm" in the 2018 Reader Rankings poll. The firm also won in 2017 — the poll's inaugural year. Winners are directly chosen by Wisconsin Law Journal readers, who offer their thoughts on what the firm will continue to provide the highest standards of service and results for its clients.

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