

Jury Verdicts

Construction Accident: Loss Of Leg Below Knee Verdict:

\$3,454,328

Case:	Stamper, et al vs. Lawrence Drive Partners, et al.		
Plaintiff Attorney:	Lawrence R. Booth & Rick Hicks (Booth & Koskoff)		
Intervenor:	William Dickson		
Defendant Attorney:	Inlow Campbell, Michael Terhar & Michael Neal (Clausen & Campbell, Kern & Wooley, Sherlock & Neal)		
Trial Judge:	Judge Mallano - L.A. Central		
Trial Time:	7 days	Deliberation Time::	2 days

Facts: On 6/6/85, plaintiff, a 43 year old rigger foreman for crane company, suffered a below the knee amputation on one leg as a result of crane boom collapse due to falling of tilt-up concrete panel weighing in excess of 50 tons. Wife sued for loss of consortium. Defendants were subcontractor who built concrete footings and tilt-up panels: general contractor and owner of premises.

Injuries: Leg amputated below knee.

Medical Costs: \$69,000

Loss of Earnings: \$913,401: \$166,781 (past) + \$746,620 (future)

Contentions: Plaintiff claimed footings and brace installed by defendant concrete contractor were defective, general contractor failed to provide a safe place to work and general contractor and owner liable under the Special Risk Doctrine.

Defendant contended palintiff's employer, Crane Co, and plaintiffs solely responsible, arguing crane pulled or knocked over panel.

Settlement Offers:

Offer: \$300,000 - \$400,000 indicated

Demand: \$1,500,000 C.C.P.

Jury Verdict: Jury gave injured plaintiff \$3,054,328 plus \$400,000 to the wife, which was exactly the amount requested in argument. Jury was 12-0 against any plaintiff comp. negligence or employer negligence.

Jury Poll: 12-0

Experts:

Plaintiffs Experts:	Lawrence Chin	Treating Protheses expert	
	Joyce Pickersgill	Economist	Fullerton
	Robin Sheperd	Civil Engineer	Irvine
Defense Experts:	George Brinton	Economist	Los Angeles
	Robert Carlson	Civil Engineer	Pasadena

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