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RANK	AMOUNT	CASE TYPE	CASE NAME	PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY	DEFENSE ATTORNEY	STATUS
1	\$3,006,000,000	Products liability	<a href="#">Boeken v. Philip Morris Inc.</a> Los Angeles Super. Ct., No. BC 226593 (June 6, 2001)	<b>Michael J. Piuze</b> Law Offices of Michael J. Piuze, Los Angeles	<b>Maurice A. Leiter and John L. Carlton</b> Arnold & Porter, Los Angeles	Reduced, on appeal
2	\$1,060,000,000	Environmental Damage	<a href="#">Grefer v. Alpha Technical Services Inc.</a> Orleans Parish, La., Dist. Ct., No. 97-15004 (May 22, 2001)	<b>Stuart H. Smith and Jack W. Harang</b> Smith & Harang, New Orleans	<b>Gregory C. Weiss; Patricia E. Weeks</b> Weiss & Eason, New Orleans; The Weeks Firm, New Orleans	On appeal
3	\$540,000,000	Breach of contract class action	<a href="#">Allapattah Services v. Exxon Corp.</a> S.D. Fla., No. 91-0986 (Feb. 20, 2001)	<b>Eugene E. Stearns; Jay S. Solowsky</b> Stearns Weaver Miller, Miami; Pertnoy Solowsky, Miami	<b>Larry S. Stewart; Robert G. Abrams</b> Stewart, Tilghman, Fox & Bianchi, Miami; Howrey Simon, Washington, D.C.	On appeal
4	\$480,000,000	Products liability	<a href="#">Cassoutt v. Cessna Aircraft Co.</a> Escambia Co., Fla., Cir. Ct., No. 91-2939-CA-01 (Aug. 15, 2001)	<b>Arthur Alan Wolk and Richard E. Genter</b> Wolk & Genter, Philadelphia	<b>Mark A. Dombroff and Henry B. Goddard Jr.</b> Dombroff & Gilmore, Washington, D.C.	On appeal
5	\$454,500,000	Breach of contract	<a href="#">COC Services Ltd. v. CompUSA Inc.</a> Dallas Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 00-8358-F (Feb. 8, 2001)	<b>Mark S. Werbner</b> Sayles, Lidji & Werbner, Dallas	<b>Mark T. Josephs; Theodore W. Daniel</b> Jackson Walker, Dallas; Jenkins & Gilchrist, Dallas	Part reversed, on appeal
6	\$388,910,000	Fraud	<a href="#">Universal Express Inc. v. Select Capital Advisors Inc.</a> Miami-Dade Co., Fla., Cir. Ct., No. 98-08358 CA 01 (July 25, 2001)	<b>Arthur W. Tifford</b> Solo practitioner, Miami	<b>No one at trial</b>	Pending collection
7	\$312,710,000	Nursing home negligence	<a href="#">Fuqua v. Horizon/CMS Healthcare Corp.</a> N.D. Texas, No. 4-98CV1087Y (Feb. 9, 2001)	<b>H. Dustin Fillmore III and Charles W. Fillmore</b> The Fillmore Law Firm, Fort Worth, Texas	<b>Cynthia Shea Goosen and R. Brent Cooper</b> Cooper & Scully, Dallas	Settled
8	\$256,000,000	Personal injury	<a href="#">Jenkins v. Ranger Construction Industries Inc.</a> Palm Beach Co., Fla., Cir. Ct., No. 98009025AN, No. CL0000169AN (July 11, 2001)	<b>Christian D. Searcy</b> Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, West Palm Beach, Fla.	<b>Roy R. Watson; Brian Boysaw</b> Adams, Coogler, Watson, West Palm Beach; Ryles & Boysaw, West Palm Beach	Part settled
9	\$150,000,000	Asbestos personal injury	<a href="#">Johnson v. AC&amp;S Manufacturing Inc.</a> Holmes Co., Miss., Cir. Ct., No. 2000-181 (Oct. 27, 2001)	<b>Isaac K. Byrd Jr.; Timothy W. Porter</b> Byrd & Associates, Jackson, Miss.; Porter & Malouf, Jackson	<b>David Barfield; Mary Wells</b> Barfield & Associates, Jackson; Wells Anderson & Race, Denver	In motions
9	\$150,000,000	Malicious prosecution	<a href="#">Potamkin v. Reinke</a> Philadelphia Ct. C.P., Sept. 1998 Term. No. 0005 (Sept. 24, 2001)	<b>Richard A. Sprague and Joseph R. Podroza Jr.</b> Sprague & Sprague, Philadelphia	<b>No one at trial</b>	Seeking collection
11	\$140,000,000	Patent infringement	<a href="#">Cardiac Pacemakers Inc. v. St. Jude Medical Inc.</a> S.D. Ind., No. IP96-1718-CH/G (July 3, 2001)	<b>Timothy J. Malloy; Robert K. Stanley</b> McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Chicago; Baker & Daniels, Indianapolis	<b>John J. Swenson; Denis R. Salmon</b> Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Los Angeles; Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Palo Alto, Calif.	In motions
12	\$139,700,000	Breach of contract	<a href="#">Maris Distributing Co. v. Anheuser-Busch Inc.</a> Alachua Co., Fla., Cir. Ct., No. 97CA22 (Aug. 3, 2001)	<b>Willie E. Gary and Madison B. McClellan</b> Gary, Williams, Parenti, Finney, Lewis, Stuart, Fla.	<b>Peter E. Moll; Stanley Cushman</b> Howrey Simon Arnold, Washington, D.C.; Scruggs & Carmichael, Gainesville, Fla.	Remitted, on appeal
13	\$130,000,000	Asbestos personal injury	<a href="#">Bell v. Dresser Industries Inc.</a> Orange Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. A 920,961-SC19 (Sept. 12, 2001)	<b>Glenn W. Morgan; Karl E. Novak</b> Reaud, Morgan & Quinn, Beaumont, Texas; Ness Motley, Charleston, S.C.	<b>Donald E. Godwin; D. Ferguson McNeil III</b> Godwin Gruber, Dallas; Vinson & Elkins, Houston	On appeal
14	\$116,000,000	Patent infringement	<a href="#">X-It Products v. Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc.</a> E.D. Va., No. 2:00-CV-513 (Aug. 17, 2001)	<b>Robert Tata and Benjamin B. Madison III</b> Hunton & Williams, Norfolk, Va.	<b>William F. Devine; Laura Bernstein Luger</b> Hofheimer Nusbaum, Norfolk; Moore & Van Allen, Durham, N.C.	In motions
15	\$114,870,000	Medical malpractice	<a href="#">Evans v. St. Mary's Hospital of Brooklyn</a> New York Co., N.Y., Sup. Ct., No. 4038/91 (Nov. 9, 2001)	<b>Stephen E. Erickson</b> Pegalis & Erickson, Lake Success, N.Y.	<b>Henry Shaub</b> Shaub, Ahmuty, Critrin & Spratt, New Hyde Park, N.Y.	In motions
16	\$108,240,000	Fraud	<a href="#">de Ayala v. Brittingham</a> Webb Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 98-CVQ-01092-D3 (May 17, 2001)	<b>Peter Houtsma; Carlos Zaffirini</b> Holland & Hart, Denver; Zaffirini & Castillo, Laredo, Texas	<b>Horace C. Hall III and J. Alberto Alarcon</b> Quintanilla & Alarcon, Laredo	Reversed

17	\$107,800,000	Medical malpractice	<b><u>Ballinas v. New York City Health and Hospitals Corp.</u></b> Bronx Co., N.Y., Sup. Ct., No. 7709/94 (May 14, 2001)	<b>Thomas A. Moore</b> Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore, New York	Kenneth R. Larywon Martin, Clearwater & Bell, New York	In motions
18	\$100,000,000	Products liability	<b><u>Rankin v. Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc.</u></b> Claiborne Co., Miss., Cir. Ct., No. 2000-20 (Sept. 28, 2001)	<b>James D. Shannon; Edward Blackmon Jr.</b> Shannon Law Firm, Hazlehurst, Miss; Blackmon & Blackmon, Hazlehurst	<b>Christy D. Jones; Robert L. Johnson III</b> Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Jackson, Miss.; Natchez, Miss.	In motions
19	\$96,400,000	Breach of contract	<b><u>Residential Funding Corp. v. DeGeorge Financial Corp.</u></b> D. Conn., No. 3:00CV202 (Sept. 24, 2001)	<b>Philip S. Beck and Jeffrey A. Hall</b> Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott, Chicago	<b>Stephen D. Susman, Jonathan J. Ross</b> Susman & Godfrey, Houston	On appeal
20	\$94,500,000	Breach of contract	<b><u>Border Business Park Inc. v. City of San Diego</u></b> San Diego Co., Calif., Super. Ct., No. 69279 (Jan. 2, 2001)	<b>Vincent J. Bartolotta Jr.; David B. Casselman</b> Thorsnes, Bartolotta, San Diego; Wasserman, Comden, Tarzana, Calif.	<b>Anthony J. Shanley and Richard Alan Ostrow</b> City attorney's office, City of San Diego	Reduced, in motions
21	\$90,010,000	Employment class action	<b><u>Bell v. Farmers Insurance Exchange</u></b> Alameda Co., Calif., Super. Ct., No. 774013 (July 10, 2001)	<b>Steven C. Zieff</b> Rudy, Exelrod & Zieff, Oakland, Calif.	<b>Lee T. Paterson and Jessie A. Kohler</b> Winston & Strawn, Los Angeles	On appeal
22	\$88,500,000	Civil RICO	<b><u>Palmas y Bambu v. E.I. du Pont de Nemours &amp; Co.</u></b> Miami-Dade Co., Fla., Cir. Ct., No. 97-12186CA23, 97-12185CA23 (Aug. 10, 2001)	<b>Janet L. Humphreys and Adam M. Moskowitz</b> Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, Miami	<b>John A. Boudet</b> Greenberg Traurig, Orlando, Fla.	In motions
23	\$85,640,000	Personal injury	<b><u>Benefield v. Halmar Corp.</u></b> Orange Co., N.Y., Sup. Ct., No. 6520/94 (June 8, 2001)	<b>Howard R. Borowick</b> Sacks & Sacks, New York	<b>Peter J. Madison</b> Adelson, Slater & Madison, New City, N.Y.	In motions
24	\$82,000,000	Nursing home negligence	<b><u>Ernst v. Horizon/CMS Healthcare Corp.</u></b> Bexar Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 99-CI-08116 (Feb. 23, 2001)	<b>George W. Mauze II</b> Law Offices of George W. Mauze II, San Antonio	<b>Charles R. Dunn</b> Dunn, Kacal, Adams, Pappas & Law, Houston	Settled
25	\$80,000,000	Products liability	<b><u>Elizondo v. Tradco Corp.</u></b> Jim Wells Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 98-11-37092 (Jan. 27, 2001)	<b>Anthony F. Constant</b> Constant & Vela, Corpus Christi, Texas	<b>John G. Adami; Don Francis Lighty</b> Adami, McNeill, Alice, Texas; Stevens, Baldo, Beaumont, Texas	Settled
26	\$78,430,000	Nursing home negligence	<b><u>Sauer v. Advocat Inc.</u></b> Polk Co., Ark., Cir. Ct., No. CIV-2000-5 (June 22, 2001)	<b>Bennie Lazzara Jr.; Brian David Reddick</b> Wilkes & McHugh, Tampa, Fla.; Wilkes & McHugh, Little Rock, Ark.	<b>Darren O'Quinn and David A. Couch</b> Dover & Dixon, Little Rock	On appeal
27	\$77,500,000	Breach of contract	<b><u>Hico Inc. v. St. Paul Fire Insurance Co.</u></b> Copiah Co., Miss., Dist. Ct., No. 99-0400 (Feb. 27, 2001)	<b>James D. Shannon</b> Shannon Law Firm, Hazlehurst, Miss.	<b>Gregory Copeland and Thomas C. Gerity</b> Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush, Jackson, Miss.	On appeal
28	\$75,400,000	Securities fraud	<b><u>Moody v. Summers</u></b> Galveston Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 99CV0471 (Dec. 4 and 5, 2001)	<b>Valorie W. Davenport and Tim Yusef</b> Davenport Legal Group, Houston	<b>Phillip T. Bruns and Scott Humphries</b> Gibbs & Bruns, Houston	Pending motions
29	\$75,000,000	Medical malpractice	<b><u>Antunes v. County of Nassau</u></b> Nassau Co., N.Y., Sup. Ct., No. 13780/98 (May 16, 2001)	<b>Steven C. Pepperman</b> Bauman & Kunkis, New York	<b>E. Gordon Haesloop</b> Bartlett, McDonough, Bastone & Monaghan, Mineola, N.Y.	In motions
29	\$75,000,000	Breach of contract	<b><u>Biomedical Systems Corp. v. GE Marquette Medical Systems Inc.</u></b> E.D. Mo., No. 4:99CV01590 (April 9, 2001)	<b>Gerard T. Carmody and Douglas W. King</b> Bryan Cave, St. Louis	<b>John M. Bray; Chilton Daus Varner</b> King & Spalding, Washington, D.C.; King & Spalding, Atlanta	On appeal
31	\$73,760,000	Breach of contract class action	<b><u>Bridenstine v. Kaiser-Francis Oil Co.</u></b> Texas Co., Okla., Dist. Ct., No. CJ-2000-1 (Nov. 7, 2001)	<b>Robert N. Barnes; Douglas E. Burns</b> Barnes & Lewis, Oklahoma City; Douglas E. Burns, Oklahoma City	<b>Joseph H. Bocock; Keith F. Sellers</b> McAfee & Taft, Oklahoma City; Sellers & Bryant, Tulsa, Okla.	In motions
32	\$73,400,000	Breach of contract	<b><u>Royal Palm Resort v. Mitsui Construction Co. Ltd.</u></b> Guam Super. Ct., No. CV1885-93 (Dec. 4, 2001)	<b>Richard T. Williams and Robert L. Ivey</b> Holland & Knight, Los Angeles	<b>Mark N. White</b> Pillsbury Winthrop, San Francisco	Awaiting punitives
33	\$71,270,000	Fraud	<b><u>Baker v. Washington Mutual Finance Group L.L.C.</u></b> Holmes Co., Miss., Cir. Ct., No. CV-98-0026 (June 13, 2001)	<b>Richard A. Freese; Edward Blackmon Jr.</b> Langston, Sweet, Birmingham, Ala.; Blackmon & Blackmon, Canton, Miss.	<b>Jess H. Dickinson; Mary Brown</b> Dickinson, Ros, Wooten, Gulfport, Miss.; solo practitioner, Grenada, Miss.	Remitted, on appeal
34	\$64,500,000	Breach of contract	<b><u>Cable &amp; Computer Technology Inc. v. Lockheed Sanders</u></b> C.D. Calif., No. CV97-5315 (March 28 and April 5, 2001)	<b>Jeffrey S. Davidson and Eric C. Liebeler</b> Kirkland & Ellis, Los Angeles	<b>John B. Quinn</b> Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart, Oliver & Hedges, Los Angeles	On appeal
35	\$56,550,000	Products liability	<b><u>Lopez v. American Home Products Corp.</u></b> Los Angeles Dist. Ct., No. 99-0737723 (April 3, 2001)	<b>Kathryn Snapka and Gregory W. Turman</b> Law Offices of Kathryn Snapka, Corpus Christi, Texas	<b>J.A. "Tony" Canales</b> Canales & Simonson, Corpus Christi	Remitted, settled
36	\$55,500,000	Asbestos personal injury	<b><u>Hernandez v. Kelly-Moore Paint Co. Inc.</u></b> Jim Wells Co., Texas, Co. Ct., No. CA-2000-3559 (Aug. 30, 2001)	<b>Lisa A. Blue and Richard I. Nemeroff</b> Baron & Budd, Dallas	<b>Gary Sharp</b> Foley & Mansfield, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	Settled
37	\$55,320,000	Products liability	<b><u>Lampe v. Continental General Tire</u></b> Los Angeles Super. Ct., No. BC 173567 (April 13, 2001)	<b>Brian J. Panish; Taras Kick</b> Greene, Broillett, Santa Monica, Calif.; The Kick Law Firm, Los Angeles	<b>Walter M. Yoka; Kenneth J. Moran</b> Yoka & Smith, Los Angeles; Moran Kiker Brown, Richmond, Va.	Settled
38	\$55,000,000	Medical malpractice	<b><u>Hall v. Henry Ford Health Systems</u></b> Wayne Co., Mich., Cir. Ct., No. 00017269NH (Nov. 30, 2001)	<b>Brian J. McKeen</b> McKeen & Associates, Detroit	<b>John M. Perrin</b> Wilmarth, Tanoury, Ramar, Corbet, Garves & Shaw, Detroit	In motions
38	\$55,000,000	Products liability	<b><u>Horan v. Cutler Hammer Inc.</u></b> Passaic Co., N.J., Super. Ct., No. PAS-L-3786-98 (Feb. 2, 2001)	<b>Alfred D. Dimiero</b> Mella & Dimiero, Short Hills, N.J.	<b>Michael L. Zaleski; Richard J. Williams Jr.</b> Quarles & Brady, Madison, Wis.; McElroy, Deutsch & Mulvaney, Morristown, N.J.	Remitted, on appeal

40	\$51,640,000	Personal injury	<b>Burch v. Children's Hospital of Orange County Thrift Stores Inc.</b> Orange Co., Calif., Super. Ct., No. 00CC00620 (May 24, 2001)	<b>Lawrence P. Grassini</b> Grassini & Wrinkle, Woodland Hills, Calif.	<b>Darrell Forgey and John Aitelli</b> Hilsinger, Forgey, Hurrell & Star, Los Angeles	Settled
41	\$51,500,000	Tortious interference	<b>Service Vending Co. v. Wal-Mart Stores Inc.</b> Lawrence Co., Mo., Cir. Ct. (June 20, 2001)	<b>James W. Newberry</b> Newberry, Haden, Cowherd, Bullock, Keck & McGinnis, Springfield, Mo.	<b>Todd Guthrie</b> Corporate counsel, Wal-Mart, Bentonville, Ark.	On appeal
42	\$50,800,000	Fraud	<b>Lockshaw v. Goodrich Corp.</b> Orange Co., Calif., Super. Ct., No. 00CC05238 (May 18, 2001)	<b>William B. Hanley</b> Law Offices of William B. Hanley, Irvine, Calif.	<b>Gregg C. Sindici</b> Littler Mendelson, San Diego	On appeal
43	\$50,690,000	Fraud	<b>Youd v. Western International Media</b> Los Angeles Super. Ct., No. BC 195853 (March 23, 2001)	<b>Lawrence H. Nagler and Joan Lewis Heard</b> Nagler & Associates, Los Angeles	<b>Jerry S. Phillips and Brian M. Colligan</b> Richman, Mann, Chizever, Phillips & Duboff, Los Angeles	On appeal
44	\$50,030,000	Nursing home negligence	<b>Copeland v. Dallas Home for Jewish Aged Inc.</b> Dallas Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 98-04690 (May 21, 2001)	<b>Kenneth B. Chaiken</b> Chaiken & Chaiken, Dallas	<b>Gail N. Friend and Alicia K. Dowdy</b> Friend & Associates, Houston	On appeal
45	\$47,500,000	Fraud, breach of contract	<b>GATX/Airlog Co. v. Evergreen International Airlines Inc.</b> N.D. Calif., No. C 96-2494 (March 1, 2001)	<b>Mark L. McAlpine (counterplaintiff)</b> McAlpine & McAlpine, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	<b>Steven C. Neal</b> Cooley Godward, San Francisco	Part settled, on appeal
46	\$46,580,000	Patent infringement	<b>Honeywell International Inc. v. Hamilton Sundstrand Corp.</b> D. Del., No. 99 CV 309 (Feb. 16, 2001)	<b>Robert G. Krupka; Jonathan Putnam</b> Kirkland & Ellis, Los Angeles; Kirkland & Ellis, New York	<b>Richard F. Ziegler</b> Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, New York	On appeal
47	\$45,000,000	Consumer fraud class action	<b>Peterson v. BASF Corp.</b> Norman Co., Minn., Dist. Ct., No. C9-98-656 (Dec. 6, 2001)	<b>Hugh V. Plunkett III; Douglas L. Nill</b> Lockridge Grindal Nauen, Minneapolis; solo practitioner, Minneapolis	<b>Brian O'Neill</b> Faegre & Benson, Minneapolis	In motions
48	\$44,730,000	Personal injury	<b>Ramos v. Bay Inc.</b> Jim Wells Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 98-02-36425 (Dec. 13, 2001)	<b>Steve T. Hastings; Rebecca E. Hamilton</b> Huerta & Hastings, Corpus Christi, Texas; Sumner, Schick, Dallas	<b>Darrell L. Barger and Tom Hermansen</b> Barger, Hermansen, McKibbin & Villareal, Corpus Christi	Pending motions
49	\$44,610,000	Wrongful death	<b>Bruce v. Davis</b> Bay Co., Fla., Cir. Ct., No. 98-2818 (April 16, 2001)	<b>Jay W. Manuel and Waylon Thompson</b> Manuel & Thompson, Panama City, Fla.	<b>Kegan Phillip Davis</b> pro se	Seeking collection
50	\$44,040,000	Medical malpractice	<b>Okebiyi v. Ramenofsky</b> Kings Co., N.Y., Super. Ct., No. 6466/97 (June 5, 2001)	<b>Nathan L. Dembin</b> Nathan L. Dembin & Associates, New York	<b>Neil B. Ptashnick</b> Ptashnick & Schutzman, New York	No liability for defense
51	\$44,000,000	Personal injury	<b>Manes v. DaimlerChrysler Corp.</b> Knox Co., Tenn., Cir. Ct., No. 2-537-00 (Sept. 20, 2001)	<b>Sidney W. Gilreath and Diane Lashmit</b> Gilreath & Associates, Knoxville, Tenn.	<b>Paul Dunn</b> Dunn, MacDonald & Coleman, Knoxville	In motions
52	\$43,800,000	Environmental property damage	<b>Chandler v. Chevron U.S.A. Inc.</b> Hale Co., Ala., Cir. Ct., No. CV 97-071 (Oct. 3, 2001)	<b>Robert F. Prince; Charles "Ward" Pearson</b> Prince Patterson, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Pearson & Smithhart, Tuscaloosa	<b>Stephen O'Day; William Traeger</b> Smith, Gambrell & Russell, Atlanta; Manley, Traeger, Perry, Demopolis, Ala.	In motions
53	\$43,500,000	Personal injury	<b>Becker v. Tidewater Inc.</b> W.D. La., No. 99-1198 (July 19, 2001)	<b>James P. Roy</b> Domengeaux, Wright Roy & Edwards, Lafayette, La.	<b>John E. Galloway; Cliffe E. Laborde</b> Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, New Orleans; Laborde & Neuner, Lafayette	On appeal
54	\$43,000,000	Products liability	<b>Sanchez v. Parke-Davis Co.</b> Nueces Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 00-6523-F (Dec. 21, 2001)	<b>Mikal C. Watts</b> Watts & Heard, Corpus Christi, Texas	<b>Sawnie T. McEntire</b> Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, Houston	Settled
55	\$41,680,000	Wrongful death	<b>Stinson v. Rockin' W Trucking</b> Harris Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 98-08458 (March 16, 2001)	<b>John W. Tavormina</b> Helm, Pletcher, Bowen & Saunders, Houston	<b>David E. Brothers</b> Boswell, Hallmark & Brothers, Houston	Remitted, resolved
56	\$41,100,000	Personal injury	<b>Ibarra v. Gateway Hotel Holdings Inc.</b> St. Louis City Cir. Ct., No. 992-07067 (Dec. 11, 2001)	<b>John G. Simon</b> Simon, Lowe and Passanante, St. Louis	<b>Debbie S. Champion</b> Rynearson, Suess, Schnurbusch & Champion, St. Louis	In motions
57	\$40,330,000	Asbestos personal injury	<b>Cargile v. ACandS Inc.</b> Baltimore City Cir. Ct., No. 24-X-00000381 (Dec. 5, 2001)	<b>Gary J. Ignatowski</b> Law Offices of Peter Angelos, Baltimore	<b>Bradford M. Brush; Thomas P. Hanna</b> Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, Philadelphia; Kelley, Jasons, McGuire, Philadelphia	In motions
58	\$39,000,000	Trade name infringement	<b>NEON Systems Inc. v. New Era of Networks Inc.</b> Fort Bend Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 109,470 (June 1, 2001)	<b>Chris Reynolds and Jean C. Frizzell</b> Gibbs & Bruns, Houston	<b>David J. Beck</b> Beck, Redden & Secrest, Houston	Settled
59	\$37,120,000	Personal injury	<b>Morrison v. Ahmad</b> New York Co., N.Y., Sup. Ct., No. 108369/96 (Aug. 23, 2001)	<b>Christopher Jon Longman</b> Ginsberg & Broome, New York	<b>John J. Nicolini</b> Nicolini, Paradise, Feretti & Sabella, Mineola, N.Y.	Pending appeal
60	\$37,000,000	Medical malpractice	<b>Fallon v. Patel</b> Philadelphia Ct. C.P., No. 9712-0881 (Sept. 16, 2001)	<b>James Beasley Sr.</b> Beasley, Casey & Erbstein, Philadelphia	<b>Patrick J. Stapleton; Naomi A. Plakins</b> Weber Goldstein Greenberg & Gallagher; Plakins Rieffel, Doylestown, Pa.	Settled
61	\$36,700,000	Breach of contract	<b>Tedesco v. Paul Revere Life Insurance Co.</b> M.D. Fla., No. 8:99CV2552-T-27MAP (June 24, 2001)	<b>D. Frank Winkles</b> The Swope Law Group, Tampa, Fla.	<b>Timon Sullivan</b> Ogden & Sullivan, Tampa	In motions
62	\$35,200,000	Asbestos personal injury	<b>Wells v. Gasket Holdings Inc. fka Flexitallic Inc.</b> Jefferson Co., Texas, Dist Ct., No. A-161,748 (Feb. 13, 2001)	<b>Ian P. Cloud</b> Robins, Cloud, Greenwood & Lubel, Houston	<b>Paul E. Hamilton; Sharla J. Frost</b> DeHay & Elliston, Dallas; Powers & Frost, Houston	On appeal

63	\$35,000,000	Medical malpractice	<b>Lopez v. New York City Health and Hospitals Corp.</b> Queens Co., N.Y., Super. Ct., No. 12228/91 (May 11, 2001)	<b>Steven E. Pegalis</b> Pegalis & Erickson, Lake Success, N.Y.	<b>Luke Pittoni</b> Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy & Bach, New York	Settled
64	\$33,000,000	Breach of contract	<b>Stoddart v. Peccole</b> Clark Co., Nev., Dist. Ct., No. A-353258, (Jan. 17, 2001)	<b>Richard McKnight</b> Law Offices of Richard McKnight, Las Vegas	<b>Marc P. Cook</b> Cook & Kelesis, Las Vegas	Reduced on judgment
65	\$32,160,000	Actuarial malpractice	<b>Farnham v. Watson Wyatt &amp; Co.</b> D. Conn., No. 3:99 CV 00792 (Feb. 23, 2001)	<b>Lewis R. Clayton</b> Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, New York	<b>Peter A. Biagetti</b> Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, Boston	Increased, resolved
66	\$32,120,000	Insurance bad faith	<b>Ballard v. Fire Insurance Exchange</b> Travis Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 99-05252 (June 1, 2001)	<b>William Fred Hagans</b> Hagans, Bobb & Burdine, Houston	<b>Robert F. Scheihing</b> Adami, Goldman & Shuffield, San Antonio	On appeal
67	\$31,020,000	Medical malpractice	<b>Levinsky v. Painter</b> New York Co., N.Y., Sup. Ct., No. 115754/00 (Feb. 1, 2001)	<b>Eleni Coffinas</b> Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo, New York	<b>Bruce G. Habien</b> Martin, Clearwater & Bell, New York	Settled
68	\$30,700,000	Products liability	<b>Jimenez v. Ford Motor Co.</b> Miami-Dade Co., Fla., Cir. Ct., No. 99-14353 CA 09 (Sept. 20, 2001)	<b>Mike Eidson</b> Colson Hicks Eidson, Miami	<b>Benjamine Reid</b> Carlton Fields, Tampa, Fla.	Net \$15.4M, on appeal
69	\$30,500,000	Employment, retaliation	<b>Jones v. Toro Co.</b> El Paso Co., Texas, Dist. Ct. No. 2000-2429 (Nov. 11, 2001)	<b>John A. Wenke</b> Solo practitioner, El Paso, Texas	<b>Chris Marie Borunda</b> Carr Flora, El Paso	In motions
70	\$30,200,000	Medical malpractice	<b>Hogue v. Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp.</b> Dallas Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. DV 99-01417-L (Nov. 8, 2001)	<b>Mark S. Werbner</b> Sayles, Lidji & Werbner, Dallas	<b>Kevin L. Wentz</b> Fraleay, Fraley & Wentz, Dallas	Reduced, in motions
71	\$30,000,000	Medical malpractice	<b>Bryant. v. LaGrange Memorial Hospital</b> Cook Co., Ill., Cir. Ct., No. 96 L 11679 (Aug. 8, 2001)	<b>Bruce R. Pfaff</b> Bruce R. Pfaff & Associates, Chicago	<b>David C. Hall</b> Lord Bissell & Brook, Chicago	No liability for defense
71	\$30,000,000	Insurance coverage	<b>International Insurance Co. v. RSR Corp.</b> N.D. Texas, No. CA#3-00CV0250-P (Aug. 27, 2001)	<b>William A. Brewer III (counterplaintiff)</b> Bickel & Brewer, Dallas	<b>R. Brent Cooper</b> Cooper & Scully, Dallas	In motions
73	\$29,740,000	Asbestos personal injury	<b>Douglas v. North American Refractories Co.</b> Orange Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. A-920,961-SC(14) (April 25, 2001)	<b>Karl E. Novak; Glen W. Morgan</b> Ness, Motley, Loadholt, Charleston, S.C.; Reaud, Morgan, Beaumont, Texas	<b>D. Ferguson McNeil III; Michael D. Heintzman</b> Vinson & Elkins, Houston; Heintzman, Warren, Wise & Fornella, Pittsburgh	Judgment stayed
74	\$29,000,000	False claims	<b>Tutor-Saliba-Perini J.V v. Los Angeles County MTA</b> Los Angeles Super. Ct., No. BC123559 (Aug. 1, 2001)	<b>David B. Casselman (counterplaintiff)</b> Wasserman, Comden, Casselman & Pearson, Los Angeles	<b>Nomi Castle</b> Castle & Lax, Los Angeles	On appeal
75	\$28,600,000	Commercial fraud	<b>SunCor Development Co. v. Bergstrom Corp.</b> Maricopa Co., Ariz., Super. Ct., No. CV 98-11472 (March 15, 2001)	<b>Michael C. Manning (counterplaintiff)</b> Morrison & Hecker, Phoenix	<b>Daryl M. Williams; Steve Gervais</b> Baird, Williams, Phoenix; general counsel SunCor, Phoenix	Reduced, settling
76	\$28,000,000	Wrongful death	<b>Stixrood v. Texas Department of Transportation</b> Collin Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 296-782-97 (April 27, 2001)	<b>Brian S. Loughmiller</b> Solo practitioner, McKinney, Texas	<b>David B. Strain</b> Office of the Attorney General, Austin, Texas	On appeal
77	\$27,740,000	Wrongful death	<b>Rapp v. Singh</b> E.D. Pa., No. 00-2741 (May 9, 2001)	<b>John Kelly and Scott Balber</b> Kelly & Balber, New York	<b>Jay D. Branderbuilt and Timothy P. Dronson</b> Kent & McBride, Philadelphia	In collections
78	\$26,320,000	Personal injury	<b>Diaz v. City of New York</b> Kings Co., N.Y., Super. Ct., No. 34949/92 (Jan. 17, 2001)	<b>Ivan S. Schneider and Joseph S. Rosato</b> Schneider, Kleinick, Weitz, Damashek & Shoot, New York	<b>Christian Siragusa; Ava Safir</b> Certilman Balin, East Meadow, N.Y.; asst. corp. counsel, City of New York	Settled
79	\$25,700,000	Products liability	<b>Lambert v. General Motors Corp.</b> San Bernardino Co., Calif., Super. Ct., No. RCV RCV 19570 (Jan. 19, 2001)	<b>Michael J. Piuze</b> Law Offices of Michael J. Piuze, Los Angeles	<b>Vincent Galvin Jr.</b> Bowman and Brooke, San Jose, Calif.	On appeal
80	\$25,200,000	Breach of contract	<b>Raytheon Co. v. Learjet Inc.</b> Hunt Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 62,284 (Dec. 10, 2001)	<b>Harold H. Walker Jr.</b> Rose Walker, Dallas	<b>Ron A. Sprague</b> Gendry & Sprague, San Antonio	Pending appeal
81	\$25,000,000	Medical malpractice	<b>Wester v. Check</b> Philadelphia Ct. C.P., Nov. Term 1997, No. 3833 (May 10, 2001)	<b>Thomas R. Kline and Robert Ross</b> Kline & Spector, Philadelphia	<b>John J. Snyder</b> Rawle & Henderson, Philadelphia	In collections
82	\$24,600,000	Fraud	<b>State of Alabama v. Hunt Petroleum Corp.</b> Mobile Co., Ala., Cir. Ct., No. CV-99-2526 (Dec. 13, 2001)	<b>John T. Crowder Jr.</b> Cunningham, Bounds, Yance, Crowder & Brown, Mobile, Ala.	<b>Frederick G. Helmsing</b> Helmsing, Leach, Herlong, Newman & Rouse, Mobile	In motions
83	\$24,500,000	Wrongful death	<b>Beddingfield v. Mercer Trucking Inc.</b> Jefferson Co., Ala., Cir. Ct., No. CV 00-0391 (Nov. 9, 2001)	<b>Donald F. Wiginton</b> Solo practitioner, Birmingham, Ala.	<b>Jack J. Hall Jr.</b> Hall, Conerly, Mudd & Bolvig, Birmingham	On appeal
84	\$23,000,000	Medical malpractice	<b>Johnston v. Jackson HMA Inc.</b> Hinds Co., Miss., Cir. Ct., No. 251-99-1113 CIV (Oct. 5, 2001)	<b>Shane F. Langston and Dennis C. Sweet III</b> Langston, Sweet & Freese, Jackson, Miss.	<b>Whitman B. Johnson III and Lisa Williams</b> Currie Johnson Griffin Gaines & Myers, Jackson	On appeal
85	\$22,630,000	Medical malpractice	<b>Goll v. Schrock</b> Washtenaw Co., Mich., Cir. Ct., No. 99-5226-NH (May 22, 2001)	<b>Howard J. Victor</b> Worsham, Victor & Ahmad, Southfield, Mich.	<b>James E. Brazeau and Jean M. O'Brien</b> Robison, Curphey & O'Connell, Toledo, Ohio	Resolved
86	\$22,400,000	Personal injury	<b>Mosca v. Farallon Decatur Meadows Ltd.</b> Clark Co., Nev., Dist. Ct., No. A378165 (Dec. 17, 2001)	<b>Marc P. Cook</b> Cook & Kelesis, Las Vegas	<b>John E. Gormley</b> Rawlings, Olson, Cannon, Gormley & Desruiiseau, Las Vegas	Pending appeal
87	\$22,200,000	Fraud, misrepresentation	<b>Laguna Resources Inc. v. Seminole Electric Cooperative Inc.</b> Walker Co., Ala., Cir. Ct., No. CV 98-561 (June 25, 2001)	<b>Jeffrey E. Friedman; Edward R. Jackson</b> Friedman, Leak, Birmingham, Ala.; Tweedy, Jackson, Jasper, Ala.	<b>David B. Anderson</b> Walston, Wells, Anderson & Bains, Birmingham	On appeal

88	\$21,560,000	Wrongful death	<b>Bonton v. Copperas Cove L.L.C.</b> Bell Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 183,293-B (Dec. 11, 2001)	<b>Jeff E. Rusk</b> The Rusk Law Firm, Austin, Texas	<b>Deanna D. Smith</b> Smith, Rymer, Moore & Moos, Houston	Reduced by caps
89	\$21,100,000	Personal injury	<b>Kimball v. Southern California Edison</b> Los Angeles Super. Ct., No. BC 210020 (July 13, 2001)	<b>Christine D. Spagnoli and Browne Greene</b> Greene, Broillet, Taylor, Wheeler & Panish, Santa Monica, Calif.	<b>Friedrich W. Seitz</b> Murchison & Cumming, Los Angeles	Net \$16.9 million
90	\$21,050,000	Wrongful death	<b>Whitener v. Aon Corp.</b> Cook Co., Ill., Cir. Ct., No. 97 L 13636 (Jan. 23,2001)	<b>Jerry A. Latherow</b> Latherow Law Office, Chicago	<b>L. Richard Musat</b> Treece, Alfrey, Musat & Bosworth, Denver	Net 18.95 M, on appeal
91	\$21,000,000	Wrongful death	<b>Lopez v. Three Rivers Electric Cooperative</b> St. Louis City Cir. Ct., No. 952-09491 (June 5, 2001)	<b>Grant L. Davis</b> Davis Bethune & Jones, Kansas City, Mo.	<b>David P. Madden</b> Fisher, Patterson, Sayler & Smith, Overland Park, Kan.	On appeal
91	\$21,000,000	Legal malpractice	<b>Wilt v. Durst</b> Orange Co., Calif., Super. Ct., No. 810918 (Oct. 5, 2001)	<b>Steven Ray Young</b> Solo practitioner, Los Angeles	<b>Edward Blumenthal</b> The Law Offices of Lee H. Durst, Santa Ana, Calif.	Settled
93	\$20,980,000	Personal injury	<b>Bustos v. Leiva</b> Miami-Dade Co., Fla., Cir. Ct., No. 01-13370 CA 30 (Dec. 14, 2001)	<b>William Andrew Haggard</b> Haggard, Parks, Haggard & Bologna, Coral Gables, Fla.	<b>Daniel Draper Jr.</b> Kubicki Draper, Miami	Settled
94	\$20,800,000	Medical malpractice	<b>Young v. Zitomer</b> Philadelphia Ct. C.P., March Term 1999, No. 001993 (Nov. 16, 2001)	<b>Robert Ross</b> Kline & Specter, Philadelphia	<b>Kevin H. Wright</b> Kevin H. Wright & Associates, Blue Bell, Pa.	In motions
95	\$20,500,000	Asbestos personal injury	<b>Hardcastle v. J-M A/C Pipe Corp.</b> Alameda Co., Calif., Super. Ct., No. 830058-2 (April 6, 2001)	<b>Dianna J. Lyons and Francis E. Fernandez</b> Kazan, McClain, Edises, Simon, Oakland, Calif.	<b>Jeffrey N. Haney</b> Bishop, Berry, Howe, Haney, Emeryville, Calif.	On appeal
96	\$20,300,000	Products liability	<b>In re Gramercy Plant Explosion at Kaiser</b> St. James Parish, La., Dist. Ct., No. 25975 (Nov. 19, 2001)	<b>Richard J. Arsenault; Walter C. Dumas</b> Neblett, Beard, Alexandria, La.; Dumas & Associates, Baton Rouge, La.	<b>Ernest P. Gieger Jr. and Sharon D. Smith</b> Pulaski Gieger & Laborde, New Orleans	No liability for defense
97	\$20,000,000	Products liability	<b>Boryszewski v. Burke</b> Hudson Co., N.J., Super. Ct., No. HUD-L-9726-98 (Nov. 19, 2001)	<b>Stuart M. Feinblatt and Eric I. Abraham</b> Sills Cummis Radin Tischman Epstein & Gross, Newark, N.J.	<b>Robert Michael Hanlon Jr. and Robert M. Cook</b> Hanlon & Lavigne, Edison, N.J.	In motions
98	\$19,860,000	Asbestos personal injury	<b>Harlow v. Hopeman Brothers Inc.</b> Baltimore City Cir. Ct., No. 99-001607 (March 20, 2001)	<b>John E. Herrick</b> Ness, Motley, Loadholt, Richardson & Poole, Mount Pleasant, S.C.	<b>Sidney G. Leech</b> Goodell, Devries, Leech & Dann, Baltimore	Reduced, on appeal
99	\$19,700,000	Negligence, nuisance	<b>Seelke v. Buckeye Egg Farm L.P.</b> Licking Co., Ohio, Ct. C.P., No. 99 CV 365 (Sept. 9, 2001)	<b>David P. Bertsch; Joel R. Campbell</b> Buckingham, Doolittle, Akron, Ohio; Campbell, Nagel, Columbus, Ohio	<b>Thomas L. Rosenberg and Rex A. Littrell Ulmer &amp; Berne, Columbus</b>	Settled
100	\$19,400,000	Breach of contract	<b>Sonat Exploration Co. v. Cudd Pressure Control Inc.</b> Harrison Co., Texas, Dist.Ct., No. 99-0199-01 (Aug. 1, 2001)	<b>Sam F. Baxter; R. Keith Jarrett</b> McKool Smith, Dallas; Liskow & Lewis, New Orleans	<b>H. Dwayne Newton Nelson McCormack, Hancock &amp; Newton, Houston</b>	On appeal

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CASE TYPE	CASE NAME	PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY	DEFENSE ATTORNEY	EXPLANATION
Toxic tort	<a href="#">Austin v. Montana Rail Link</a> D. Mont., No. CV 99-39-M-LBE (April 13, 2001)	Ted B. Lyon; H. Grady Chandler Ted B. Lyon & Assoc., Mesquite, Texas; Brown, Brown, Garland, Texas	David B. Potter; Randy J. Cox Oppenheimer Wolff, Minneapolis; Boone Karlberg, Missoula, Mont.	A train derailment causes the release of 130,000 pounds of chlorine and the three-week evacuation of a town, but a jury clears the railroad of charges of negligence.
Environmental damage	<a href="#">Baker v. Motorola Inc.</a> Maricopa Co., Ariz., Super. Ct., No. CV92-02603 (May 22, 2001)	Robert L. Jennings Jr. Goldberg, Perdky, Jennings & White, Pittsburgh	Garrett B. Johnson Kirkland & Ellis, Chicago	Plaintiffs charge Motorola with diminishing property values of land around a Superfund site, but a jury finds contamination of groundwater did not affect real estate prices.
Products liability	<a href="#">Ballinger v. Brush Wellman Inc.</a> Jefferson Co., Colo., Dist. Ct., No. 96-CV-2532 (June 26, 2001)	Allen M. Stewart and Steve B. Jensen Baron & Budd, Dallas	Sydney B. McDole Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, Dallas	In the first trial over claims of beryllium poisoning at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant, Brush Wellman succeeds in holding the plant operators responsible.
Products liability	<a href="#">Benavides v. Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Co.</a> Jim Wells Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 99-08-37836 (Nov. 30, 2001)	Mikal C. Watts Watts & Heard, Corpus Christi, Texas	Thomas M. Bullion III Brown McCarroll, Austin, Texas	Michelin wins a tire-separation products defense in a plaintiff-friendly county against one of the nation's hottest trial lawyers.
Violations of health care act	<a href="#">Brewer v. Chang</a> Tom Green Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. A991336-C (July 2, 2001)	Ryan Krebs Krebs & Webre, Austin, Texas	John B. Scott Susman Godfrey, Dallas	In the first-ever trial over the Texas Health Care Liability Act, a jury finds a Texas HMO not liable for the death of a patient who died after coverage was denied for a lung transplant.
Civil rights	<a href="#">Caban v. Sedgwick Co. Sheriff's Department</a> D. Kans., No. 98-1196-CM (May 21, 2001)	Michael E. Waldeck; Basil L. North Jr. Niewald, Waldeck, Kansas City, Mo.; Solo practitioner, Kansas City	Alan L. Rupe Husch & Eppenberger, Wichita, Kan.	Attorneys for a Kansas sheriff's department used the plaintiff's own testimony to convince a jury there was no racial harassment or hostile work environment.
Environmental	<a href="#">Cordts v. E.I. du Pont de Nemours &amp; Co.</a> E.D. Texas, No. 1:99CV85 (March 13, 2001)	Greg Thompson Provost Umphrey, Beaumont, Texas Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland	Damond R. Mace	A prominent family of Beaumont, Texas, accuses DuPont of polluting family land, but DuPont defeats a \$170 million claim by educating the jury on the geology of the location.
Products liability	<a href="#">Fontana v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.</a> Miami-Dade Co., Fla., Cir. Ct., No. 00-01731CA (09) (April 5, 2001)	Steven Kent Hunter; Philp Gerson Angones Hunter, Miami; Gerson & Davis, Miami	Jonathan M. Engram Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, Winston-Salem, N.C.	The tobacco industry wins the first secondhand smoke flight attendant trial despite court findings that settlement in class action constituted an admission of liability.

Patent infringement	Intel Corp. v. Broadcom Corp. D. Del., No. 00-796RRM (Dec. 14, 2001)	John E. Gartman Fish & Richardson, San Diego	Ron E. Shulman and James C. Yoon Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati, Palo Alto, Calif	In a bet-the-company case covering three-fourths of defendant Broadcom Corp.'s product lines, a Delaware jury finds no infringement on either patent at issue.
Products liability	In re Gramercy Plant Explosion at Kaiser St. James Parish, La., Dist. Ct., No. 25975 (Nov. 19, 2001)	Richard E. Sarver; Ernest L. Edwards Stone, Pigman, Walther, New Orleans; Lemle & Kelleher, New Orleans	Ernest P. Gieger Jr. and Sharon D. Smith Pulaski Gieger & Laborde, New Orleans	Multiple plaintiffs charge Thomas & Betts with causing the electrical outage that set off an explosion destroying a plant, but after plaintiffs reject settlement a jury finds no liability.
Employment discrimination	<u>Lewis v. EGL Inc.</u> W.D. Okla., No. Civ.-00-751-R (March 29, 2001)	Holly Waldron U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Oklahoma City	Nancy L. Patterson Littler Mendelson, Houston	The EEOC determines an African-American freight handler was subjected to harassment and discrimination and leads the civil trial, but a jury rejects the claim.
Products liability	<u>Maier v. Ford Motor Co.</u> Hunt Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 58942 (April 4, 2001)	Anthony L. Vitullo Fletcher & Springer, Dallas	Ronald Cabaniss Cabaniss, Smith, Toole, Wiggins, Maitland, Fla.	Despite adverse publicity over Ford Explorer rollovers and Firestone tires, a Texas jury finds no defects and no negligence for Ford in an action arising out of a death in a rollover.
Invasion of privacy	<u>Marich v. MGM/UA Telecommunications Inc.</u> Los Angeles Super. Ct., No. BC176082 (Aug. 1, 2001)	Laurence W. Watts; David Alan Cooper Watts & Associates, Missouri City, Texas; solo, Glendale, Calif.	Mark Helm Munger, Tolles & Olson, Los Angeles	A Los Angeles jury finds a reality TV show did not violate the privacy of a couple informed on the air of the death of their son.
Medical malpractice	Mauk v. Williams Maricopa Co., Ariz., Super. Ct., No. CV-99-18707 (March 16, 2001)	Donald Bivens Meyer, Hendricks & Bivens, Phoenix	Douglas W. Seitz and Gina Rossano Snell & Wilmer, Phoenix	A pathologist is cleared of charges that he was negligent in failing to detect evidence of cancer in the biopsy of a young breast cancer patient.
Products liability	<u>Mercado v. Warner-Lambert Co.</u> Harris Co., Texas, Dist. Ct., No. 2000-42692 (Dec. 17, 2001)	George M. Fleming Fleming & Associates, Houston	Jack E. Urquhart and Laura E. DeSantos Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, Houston	Defense attorneys convince jury that an FDA decision to take the diabetes drug Rezulin off the market did not mean the drug was defective or unreasonably dangerous.
Nursing home negligence	<u>Moylan v. National Health Care Corp.</u> Sarasota Co., Fla., Cir. Ct., No. 20005138 CA (Oct. 30, 2001)	Michael K.Houtz and Alejandro Fiol Morgan Colling & Gilbert, Tampa, Fla.	George Quintairos and Edward C. Prieto Quintairos McCumber Prieto & Wood, Miami	A nursing home in Florida is cleared of charges of neglect in the death of an elderly man with stage IV pressure sores.
Breach of fiduciary duty	Oakland Raiders v. National Football League Los Angeles Super. Ct., No. BC 206388 (May 26, 2001)	John J. Quinn; Joseph M. Alioto Arnold & Porter, Los Angeles; Offices of Joseph M. Alioto, San Francisco	Allen Ruby; James Keyte Ruby & Schofield, San Jose, Calif.; Skadden, Arps, New York	A Los Angeles jury clears the National Football League of charges that the league blocked the Raiders from obtaining a state-of-the-art stadium and forced the team out of town.
Products liability	<u>Palmer v. Volkswagen of America Inc.</u> Hinds Co., Miss., Cir. Ct., No. 251-98-1112 (March 27, 2001)	Michael J. Malouf Sr. and Michael J. Malouf Jr. Malouf & Malouf, Jackson, Miss.	David L. Ayers and Jimmy B. Wilkins Watkins & Eager, Jackson	In a state where plaintiffs' verdicts are common and substantial, Volkswagen defeats a products claim over the death of a child killed by an air bag.
Products liability	Stephenson v. The Stanley Works Alameda Co., Calif., Super. Ct., No. 7682436 (June 5, 2001)	Debra L. Bridges Bridges Law Firm, San Francisco	P. Beach Kuhl; Michael Welch Sedgwick, Detert, San Francisco; Caudle Welch, Concord, Calif.	The maker of an electric gate motor wins a wrongful death of child/products liability action after defense attorneys spring a trap on a lead expert for the plaintiffs.
Civil rights	<u>Stevenson v. City of Jacksonville</u> M.D. Fla., No. 2001-13256 (Feb. 21, 2001)	Linnes Finney; Noel Lawrence Gary, Williams, Parenti, Stuart, Fla.; Solo practitioner, Jacksonville, Fla.	Brian M. Flaherty and Paul McLester Assistant general counsel, City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville, Fla., police are cleared of civil rights violations over a shooting death, despite testimony of the sheriff that he intended to fire the shooting officer over the incident.

Breach of Contract

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Jury Renders \$108 Million Verdict Favoring Heiress

Verdict: \$108,240,000.00

Case Type: Fraud

Case: Cristina Brittingham Sada De Ayala v. Ana Maria De La Fuente De Brittingham, et al., No. 98-CVQ-01092-D3

Court: Webb County District Court, 341st, TX

Judge: Elma T. Salinas Ender

Verdict Date: 05-17-2001

Plaintiff(s)

Attorney:

- Brynley James, III; Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P.; San Antonio, TX, for Cristina Brittingham Sada De Ayala
- Carlos M. Zaffirini, Sr.; Zaffirini and Castillo; Laredo, TX, for Cristina Brittingham Sada De Ayala
- Guadalupe Castillo; Zaffirini and Castillo; Laredo, TX, for Cristina Brittingham Sada De Ayala
- Peter C. Houtsma; Holland & Hart, L.L.P.; Denver, CO, for Cristina Brittingham Sada De Ayala

Expert:

- Erich Speckin; Document Examination; Okamos, MI called by: Carlos Zaffirini, Sr.

Demonstrative Evidence: Used Trial Director for an audio/visual presentation of depositions, etc. on a six-foot screen

Defendant(s)

Attorney:

- Alberto Alarcon; Hall, Quintanilla & Alarcon, L.C.; Laredo, TX, for Ana Maria De La Fuente De Brittingham
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- Jesus Dominguez; Laredo, TX, for Ana Maria De La Fuente De Brittingham
- Louis P. LaVaude; Laredo, TX, for Ana Maria De La Fuente De Brittingham

Expert:

- Albert Lyter Iii; Document Examination; Raleigh, NC called by: Horace Hall III,Alberto Alarcon,Guillermo Alarcon,Gustavo Quintanilla,Jesus Dominguez,Louis LaVaude

Demonstrative Evidence: Used ELMO with a television monitor

A Webb County jury awarded an heiress \$108 million May 17 after finding her stepmother failed to comply with the terms of a valid promissory note and guaranty agreement.

Cristina Brittingham Sada de Ayala is the daughter of the late prominent Mexican businessman Don Juan R. Brittingham. She maintained she gave her father \$33,990,000 in 1990 to invest for her. The money was deposited into an account under the name of Jubrico Investments, Ltd. and was controlled by Brittingham. Brittingham died on Jan. 14, 1998. Cristina said she subsequently entrusted the funds to her stepmother, Ana Maria de la Fuente Brittingham, who Brittingham married in 1986.

Lead plaintiff attorney Carlos Zaffirini Sr. said Cristina testified that as the holder of a promissory note and of a guaranty/security agreement, she made a demand for payment of Ana Maria and her companies, but they refused to pay. She then sued alleging breach of contract, fraudulent transfer and fraud.

She claimed that beginning in March of 1996, and continuing through January of 1997, her stepmother and defendant Raul Hernandez, conspiring with the active participation of Merrill Lynch U.S.A., Merrill Lynch Laredo, Merrill Lynch Singapore and Merrill Lynch Cayman, through their agents in Laredo,

Texas, effected a series of transfers and transactions to hinder, delay and/or defraud Ana Maria's creditors, including Cristina, and convert their funds and/or encumbered funds and property.

Ana Maria denied Cristina delivered any money of her own to her father for investment and asserted that Ana Maria never received any part of those monies Cristina said she delivered to her father. The defendant, claiming the promissory note and the guaranty used by Cristina to bring the claim were forgeries, counterclaimed alleging fraud, conspiracy and forgery.

Zaffirini said the trial court granted partial summary judgment as to some of the causes of action against the Merrill Lynch defendants and the plaintiff non-suited the remaining unadjudicated claims against Merrill Lynch about three weeks before trial. During trial, the court granted an instructed verdict against some of Ana Maria's companies, Raul Hernandez and Jubrico Investments, Ltd., Zaffirini said.

Plaintiff counsel indicated they plan to appeal the summary judgment and instructed verdicts.

Defense counsel did not respond to a request for comments on this report.

**Verdict Information: Plaintiff Victorious, Awarded \$108 Million.** The jury, after 18 days of trial, deliberated four hours before rendering its verdict that Ana Maria had given Cristina a promissory note along with a guaranty of the loan.

The jury of 10 men and two women, in a unanimous vote, found that: Cristina and Ana Maria did agree to the terms of a Nov. 28, 1996 guaranty agreement; that Cristina delivered more than \$33.9 million to Jubrico or Brittingham in 1990 to be invested on her behalf; that Brittingham did not loan \$33.9 million of Cristina's money to Ana Maria; and that Ana Maria failed to comply with the guaranty agreement. Jurors also found that Ana Maria, Sigfrid and Egyptian Lotus committed fraud and fraudulently transferred property, and that Ana Maria's actions were with malice.

To compensate Brittingham's daughter, they awarded her \$47,000,000 for failure to comply with the guaranty agreement; \$59,490,000 in fraud damages, \$1,500,000 for fraudulent transfer of property, and \$250,000 in punitive damages for a total award of \$108,240,000.

The jury also found for Cristina and against Ana Maria on all elements of Ana Maria's counterclaim.