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Seeking Justice for Shattered Lives

Attorney Gives Malpractice and Personal Injury Cases the Effort They Demand

The human suffering Steven J. Errante has witnessed over the past two decades as a medical malpractice and personal injury attorney is hard to contemplate. Infants born with severe neurological damage, airplane crash victims, consumers of dangerously defective products, patients given medications in error – these and other unfortunate souls have been skillfully and passionately represented by Errante, a partner at the New Haven law firm of Lynch, Traub, Keefe & Errante, P.C.

Profiles in Excellence: Steven J. Errante

- Named one of the top 50 lawyers in Connecticut, 2007 (*Connecticut* magazine)
- Named Super Lawyer 2006, 2007 (*Connecticut* magazine)
- Board of Governors and Executive Committee Member, Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association
- Trial law professor, Quinnipiac University School of Law, 1988-present
- One of 50 lawyers statewide selected for membership by the American Board of Trial Advocates



Compounding these tragedies, says Errante, is the fact that many of them could easily have been prevented. “In case after case, I see lives irreparably damaged or destroyed because of a bad diagnosis, a faulty product, the wrong drug – a single act of negligence with extreme consequences.”

Preventable Medical Mistakes

While Errante has heard many tragic stories over the years, he is particularly troubled by those resulting from preventable mistakes made by hospitals, doctors and other healthcare providers. Medical malpractice, as Errante defines it, is “medical care or treatment that falls below accepted standards and causes injury or death to the patient.”

Errante and his legal team – a law partner and two full-time staff nurses – work closely with prominent medical experts from the country’s top teaching institutions to identify medical errors and compensate victims for the devastating and permanent harm that results.

“Although our clients are always our primary concern,” Errante says, “we believe our work benefits all healthcare consumers if medical mistakes can be corrected and not repeated.”

Extraordinary Cases Reveal Grave Missteps

- **Missed Diagnosis** – A premature baby’s eyes are given a clean bill of health by a pediatric ophthalmologist who fails to diagnose and correct an obvious developmental problem in its early stages. As a result, the boy goes blind. The family is awarded a \$3 million settlement.
- **Pilot Error** – The estate of a young female passenger is awarded \$3.9 million after a small aircraft crashes as a result of the pilot’s failure to follow proper procedures.
- **Failed Observation** – A \$3.25 million settlement is obtained against a large commuter railroad company for the failure of its employees to properly supervise and protect a subcontractor’s employee from energized overhead power lines while working on railroad property. The victim was electrified twice and sustained serious burns over much of his body.
- **Overlooked Detail** – Working late one evening, a woman is violently assaulted by a janitor in the building. She survives but sustains significant injuries and psychological trauma. Because the employment agency that hired the janitor – a previous offender with a history of violence – failed to properly screen him, the victim was paid a settlement in excess of \$3 million.

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