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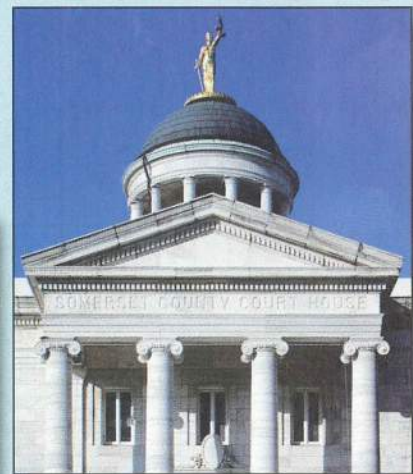
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RECOVERIES OF \$1 MILLION AND ABOVE

Case, Date Resolved, Court, Claim*	Amount (in millions)	Attorneys
<p><i>In Re Insurance Brokerage Antitrust Litigation</i> 3/30/12 U.S. District Court, Newark Price-fixing class action (brokers conspired with carriers to artificially inflate prices)</p>	\$41M settlement	Plaintiffs — Joe Whatley Jr. of Whatley Drake and Kal-las and Bryan Clobes of Cafferty Faucher. Defendants — James Griffin of Lewis Babcock & Griffin; Robert Alessi of Cahill Gordon & Reindel; Richard Pepperman II of Sullivan & Cromwell.
<p><i>Alin v. Honda Motor Co.</i> 4/13/12 U.S. District Court, Newark Defective air-conditioning system class ac-tion (poorly designed, malfunctioning units required repairs)</p>	\$38.5M settlement	Plaintiffs — Matthew Mendelsohn and David Mazie of Mazie Slater Katz & Freeman; Crowley Norman. Defen-dant — Michael Andolina of Sidley Austin.
<p><i>Cartier International AG v. Daniel Markus Inc.</i> 9/1/11 U.S. District Court, Newark Trademark infringement (jewelry, luxury goods supplier sold counterfeit products)</p>	\$37.4M default judgment	Plaintiff — Keith Miller of Robinson, Wettre & Miller. Defendants — Noah Burstein; Saul Bienenfeld; and Tom Scrivo of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter.
<p><i>Specchio v. New Penn Motor Express Inc.</i> 12/21/11 Essex County Superior Court Hostile-workplace discrimination (gay em-ployee was verbally, physically abused)</p>	\$22.6M verdict (including \$15M in punitive damages)	Plaintiff — Ravi Sattiraju; Gregory Noble of O'Connor, Parsons & Lane. Defendants — Carl Gluek and Thomas Piatak of Frantz Ward; Gregg Ilardi of Harwood Lloyd.
<p><i>Hagerman v. Jersey Central Power & Light</i> 11/4/11 Monmouth County Superior Court Eletrocution (amputations required after homeowner hit by fallen utility wire)</p>	\$20M verdict (confidential settlements later reached)	Plaintiff — Norman Hobbie of Hobbie, Corrigan & Bertucio; Thomas Comer of Lomurro, Davison, Eastman & Munoz. Defendants — Stephen Rudolph of Rudolph & Kayal; Gary Grant; Richard Amdur of Amdur, Maggs & Shor.
<p><i>Wojcik v. Mastorio</i> 3/12/12 Monmouth County Superior Court All-terrain-vehicle accident (vehicle hit pothole, sending passenger into tree and leaving him unable to speak, eat without a tube, see out of right eye)</p>	\$15M default judgment	Plaintiff — Brian Yesalonis and James Martin of Martin Kane Kuper.
<p><i>Palacios v. Favetta</i> 10/5/11 Somerset County Superior Court Medical malpractice (failure to diagnose distress at birth caused brain damage)</p>	\$14M settlement	Plaintiff — Gerald O'Connor of O'Connor Parsons & Lane. Defendants — James Sharp of Sharp & As-sociates; Peter Korn of McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter.

Source: *New Jersey Law Journals* Suits & Deals column, news stories

* Recoveries between Aug. 1, 2011 and July 31, 2012

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<i>Symonds v. Bernstein and Symonds v. Johnson</i> (consolidated) 9/27/11 Union County Superior Court Auto accidents (disabling disc injuries caused by crashes with truck, car)	\$1.21M verdict	Plaintiff — Jeffrey Warden of Bongiovanni, Collins & Warden. Defendant — Felicia Smith of the law office of William Staehle; Michael Chelland of the law office of John Kennedy.
<i>Baldwin v. Atlantic City</i> 2/22/12 Atlantic County Superior Court Retaliation/termination (ex-city solicitor fired after reporting a law firm's pay-to-play breach, city officials' unethical conduct)	\$1.2M verdict	Plaintiff — Armando Riccio of Capehart Scatchard. Defendant — Steven Glickman of Ruderman & Glickman.
<i>Kinchen v. Paterson Board of Education</i> 2/21/12 Passaic County Superior Court Failure to supervise (student punched in eye by fellow student suffered retinal detachment, blindness)	\$1.2M settlement	Plaintiff — William Crutchlow of Eichen Crutchlow Zaslow & McElroy. Defendant — Albert Buglione of DeYoe Heissenbutel & Buglione.
<i>Coniglio v. Raab</i> 12/13/11 Passaic County Superior Court Medical malpractice (neurological surgeon's negligence in treating brain bleed led to no chance for patient's recovery and she was taken off life support)	\$1.17M settlement	Plaintiff — Bruce Nagel and Barry Packin of Nagel Rice. Defendant — Lauren Koffler O'Neill of Post, Polak, Goodsell, MacNeill & Strauchler.
<i>Gonzalez v. Western Carriers Inc.</i> 12/5/12 U.S. District Court, Camden Workplace accident (truck driver's foot crushed when hit by dock plate dislodged by forklift)	\$1.15M settlement	Plaintiff — Brett Anthony of Anthony & Peterson; Ruben Bonilla Jr. of Bonilla & Chapa; Brian Dratch of Franzblau Dratch. Defendants — Dale Hibbard of Barrett Lazar; Thomas Martin of Nowell Amoroso Klein Bierman; Brian Whiteman of Wilson, Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker.
<i>Yanover v. Rouse</i> 4/4/12 Bergen County Superior Court Motorcycle accident (motorcyclist struck by coach bus and dragged, causing hip, shoulder, leg fractures, among other injuries)	\$1.14M settlement	Plaintiff — Matthew Mendelsohn and David Mazie of Mazie Slater Katz & Freeman. Defendants — Michael Tuzzio of Ronan, Tuzzio & Giannone.
<i>Rivera v. Shred-It USA</i> 2/6/12 Monmouth County Superior Court Automobile accident (motorist suffered spinal injuries when hit from behind by truck)	\$1.12M settlement	Plaintiff — Norman Hobbie of Hobbie, Corrigan & Bertucio. Defendant — Philip Degnan of Marks, O'Neil, O'Brien & Courtney.
<i>Allder v. Esposito</i> 3/29/12 Middlesex County Superior Court Automobile accident (pick-up truck rear-ended a car, sent it into vehicle ahead, causing reflex sympathetic dystrophy)	\$1.1M settlement	Plaintiff — Herbert Kessler of Kessler, DiGiovanni & Jesuele. Defendant — Michael Palma of Baumann & Viscomi; Kathleen Eustace of Edward Hoagland Jr.'s firm.