

And The Defense Wins

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DRI members [Kingshuk Roy](#) and [Aaron LaRue](#) of **Purcell & Wardrop, Chtd.**, in Chicago obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a steel erection subcontractor in a construction negligence case in *Ronald Campagna v. Lorig Construction*. The case involved a 53-year-old union ironworker who was injured carrying rebar on an elevated bridge deck. The plaintiff tripped on a spacer bar that had been placed on the deck to support the rebar for the concrete pour. This caused him to tear his ACL, MCL, and PCL in the left knee and subsequently develop Complex Regional Pain Syndrome that required permanent pain management. He also required permanent psychological treatment for adjustment disorder with depressed mood and anxiety. He claimed nearly \$4 million in special damages for lost wages and medical expenses. Counsel asked the jury for an award over \$16 million. The defense argued that the plaintiff's inattentiveness caused his injuries and that he did not suffer from CRPS or adjustment disorder. The jury returned a verdict form in favor of the defense.

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