

# \$6.2 million award for horrific injuries caused by motorcycle crash

SDSBS attorney **Karen Terry** was asked by former law partner Harry Shevin of Shevin Law Firm to join in the trial of a case involving two clients who had been seriously injured in a high-impact vehicle crash. Their clients had been riding their Harley-Davidson motorcycle through an intersection in Inverness, Florida, when the defendant failed to yield right of way to the cyclists and crashed into them. Both of Ms. Terry's clients suffered horrific orthopedic injuries. Bob Brown (not his real name), endured 12 separate surgeries at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, Florida. Bob died 11 months after the accident from

unrelated causes. Nonetheless, the last 11 months of his life were spent in and out of hospitals, physical rehabilitation centers and nursing homes. His long-time significant other, Mary Jones (not her real name), also suffered serious injuries, enduring four surgeries and long-term rehabilitation. She suffers a permanent foot-drop and will walk with a limp and the assistance of a cane for the rest of her life.

The highway intersection had been under construction at the time of the accident. The defense accepted no responsibility for the accident and attempted to blame the highway construction company and others for creating a confusing intersection. Following a seven-day trial and just over two hours of deliberation, the jury awarded \$6.2 million to Mary Jones and the Estate of Bob Brown. ♦

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\$6 million settlement

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