

Michigan Lawyers Weekly policy for Verdicts & Settlements

Verdicts and Settlements are compiled from reports sent to us by our readers, but may be supplemented by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* staff, as circumstances require.

Case descriptions must be thorough, and should include information leading up to the case, injuries/damages involved, and both plaintiff's and defense counsels' arguments.

All reports selected for publication are subject to editing for length, clarity and style.

Prior to publication, all Verdicts & Settlements report submissions are subject to verification, which may include, but is not limited to, verifying facts with opposing counsel.

Proof of the case must take the form of a copy of the jury verdict form or a copy of the judgment that sets forth the terms of the verdict or settlement. It may be faxed to (248) 865-3117 or saved in PDF form and e-mailed to editor@mi.lawyersweekly.com.

For court verdicts, names of opposing counsel must be included, along with case name, court name and case number. We will not withhold for publication names of opposing counsel for jury trials.

Settlements also must include names of opposing counsel, case name, court name and case number, even if it is requested that the case be published as a confidential one. However, for settlements that are bound by confidentiality agreements, the portion of the agreement binding the parties to secrecy must accompany the report form. It will be used for verification purposes only.

All settlements — even confidential ones — must have a dollar figure.

Unless special circumstances require for it, we will not consider verdicts or settlements that took place more than six months prior to their submission to us.

All Verdicts & Settlement reports, proofs and supporting materials submitted to *Lawyers Weekly* are the property of *Lawyers Weekly*.

Though we prefer reports to be for cases that took place in Michigan courts, we allow for Michigan-based attorneys to submit their verdicts and settlements that were handled in out-of-state courts. However, out-of-state verdicts and settlements that are \$1 million and higher will not be included in *Lawyers Weekly*'s annual "Million-Dollar Verdicts and Settlements" special edition.

High-resolution, color photos (JPG format) of the prevailing counsel may be submitted to editor@mi.lawyersweekly.com to accompany reports, provided space allows for it. Indicate case name and attorney names when e-mailing photos.

Submissions that do not adhere to the terms of *Lawyers Weekly*'s policy, as set forth herein, will not be published.

Questions about *Lawyers Weekly*'s Verdicts and Settlements policy may be directed to the editor at (800) 678-5297 or editor@mi.lawyersweekly.com.