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Jack V. Corradino Certified by New Jersey Supreme Court



From left to right: Henry P. Apryasz; Scott Diener; center, Jack Vincent Corradino; Michael R. Susic; Robert C. Papa, Jr.

Jack Vincent Corradino has been Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney. The prestigious certification was granted to Jack in March of this year. Jack's certification was based on his good standing, fulfilling his ongoing legal education requirements, his substantial level of experience in civil trial law, passing a written examination in civil trial law and having been favorably evaluated by other attorneys and judges. Congratulations, Jack!



LAWSUIT LEADS TO \$250,000 RECOVERY FOR MAN...91 YEARS OLD

In a state where a person's life expectancy is estimated at 76.7 years old, it is extraordinary for a 91-year-old man, who was already receiving disability benefits, to receive an award for pain and suffering in the amount of \$250,000. Our local Corradino & Papa client was struck from behind in a car accident and suffered head trauma.

Litigation involving traumatic brain injury has become one of the most complex and demanding types of law in our court systems.

Due to the significance of brain injury trauma in our society today, it will be a primary emphasis in this newsletter. Medical battles as described above require vast knowledge and experience on the part of our team of lawyers. The human brain is the single most complex object in the known universe. That's why no one should place a case involving a damaged brain in the hands of a law firm without extensive experience in brain injury. Corradino & Papa has that experience.

A review of 25 years of treating survivors of brain injury in a University of Texas Medical School study shows that brain injury is a chronic

ongoing process rather than a one-time injury, as traditionally thought. The researchers hope to reclassify traumatic brain injury as a chronic disease, which will help with additional funding to investigate potential cures. They stress that neurological disorders can decrease life expectancy through sleep disorders, cardiac arrhythmia, or epilepsy. The disorders lead to gradual decline in cognitive functioning, hosts of endocrine disorders, and psychiatric and psychological diseases.

Two ways the brain is vulnerable to traumatic damage.

First, the cerebral cortex can become bruised - contused - when the head strikes a hard object (or a hard object strikes the head). Secondly, the deep white matter can suffer diffuse axonal injury when the head is whip lashed without hitting a hard object (or being hit by one). In serious whiplash injuries, the axons are stretched so much that they are damaged. Cerebral contusions tend to occur at the tips of the frontal and temporal lobes where they bang against the interior of the skull. Diffuse axonal injury occurs more toward the center of the brain where axons are subjected to maximal stretching.

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Symptoms of Brain Injury

By Mayo Clinic Staff

Traumatic brain injury can have wide-ranging physical and psychological effects. Some signs or symptoms may appear immediately after the traumatic event, while others may appear days or weeks later.

MILD TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

The signs and symptoms of mild traumatic brain injury (concussion) may include:

- Loss of consciousness for a few seconds to a few minutes
- No loss of consciousness, but a state of being dazed, confused or disoriented
- Memory or concentration problems
- Headache
- Dizziness or loss of balance
- Nausea or vomiting
- Sensory problems, such as blurred vision, ringing in the ears or a bad taste in the mouth
- Sensitivity to light or sound
- Mood changes or mood swings
- Feeling depressed or anxious
- Fatigue or drowsiness
- Difficulty sleeping
- Sleeping more than usual



MODERATE TO SEVERE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES

Moderate to severe traumatic brain injury can include any of the signs and symptoms of mild injury, as well as the following symptoms that may appear within the first hours to days after a head injury:

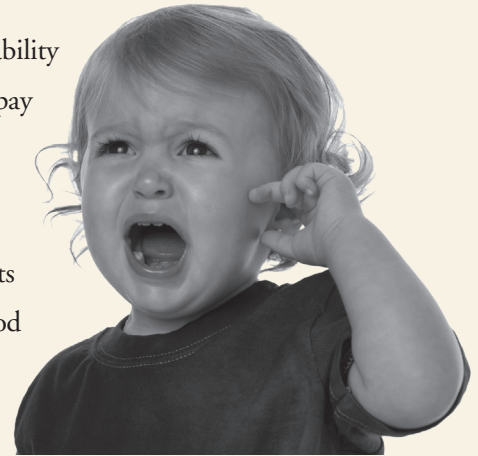
- Loss of consciousness from a few minutes to hours
- Profound confusion
- Agitation, combativeness or other unusual behavior
- Slurred speech

- Inability to awaken from sleep
- Weakness or numbness in the extremities
- Loss of coordination
- Loss of bladder control or bowel control
- Persistent headache or headache that worsens
- Repeated vomiting or nausea
- Convulsions or seizures
- Dilation of one or both pupils of the eyes
- Clear fluids draining from the nose or ears

CHILDREN'S SYMPTOMS

Infants and young children with brain injuries may lack the communication skills to report headaches, sensory problems, confusion and similar symptoms. In a child with traumatic brain injury, you may observe:

- Change in nursing or eating habits
- Persistent crying
- Unusual or easy irritability
- Change in ability to pay attention
- Inability to be consoled
- Change in sleep habits
- Sad or depressed mood
- Loss of interest in favorite toys or activities



WHEN TO SEE A DOCTOR

Always see your doctor if you or your child has received a blow to the head. Seek emergency medical care if there are any signs or symptoms of traumatic brain injury following a recent blow or other traumatic injury to the head. The terms “mild,” “moderate” and “severe” are used to describe the effect of the injury on brain function. A “mild” injury to the brain is still a serious injury that requires prompt attention and an accurate diagnosis.



What I've Learned

By Andy Rooney

- I've learned... that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- I've learned... that when you're in love, it shows.

- I've learned... that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.
- I've learned... that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- I've learned... that being kind is more important than being right.
- I've learned... that you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- I've learned... that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
- I've learned... that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- I've learned... that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- I've learned... that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
- I've learned... that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end the faster it goes.

- I've learned... that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- I've learned... that there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.
- I've learned... that no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- I've learned... that life is tough, but I'm tougher.
- I've learned... that opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you missed.
- I've learned... that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- I've learned... that I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
- I've learned... that one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- I've learned... that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- I've learned... that I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.
- I've learned... that when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

MEMORABLE QUOTE

"GO CONFIDENTLY
IN THE DIRECTION
OF YOUR DREAMS.
LIVE THE LIFE
YOU HAVE IMAGINED."

— Henry David Thoreau



Happy Thanksgiving!

Don't let the turkeys get you down!
Enjoy!