



OUR YEARS OF SUCCESS

In 1984, Robert A. Clifford founded Clifford Law Offices, a Chicago-based personal injury law firm which has grown to become one of the largest law firms in Chicago that concentrates on plaintiffs' personal injury and wrongful death law. Time and again, Clifford Law Offices has demonstrated how it stands out in helping victims discover what happened to their loved ones while seeking just compensation for injuries or needless deaths.



CLIFFORD LAW OFFICES

THE FIRM AT A GLANCE

The lawyers at Clifford Law Offices represent hundreds of years of combined experience in the area of personal injury law including aviation, transportation, medical malpractice and product liability law.



Partners:

1. ROBERT CLIFFORD
2. KEITH HEBEISEN
3. KEVIN DURKIN

Key to Cases:

- ◆ AVIATION
- ◆ PERSONAL INJURY
- ◆ WRONGFUL DEATH
- ◆ MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

LANDMARK CASES

JANUARY

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$110 MILLION VERDICT

On an icy Halloween night in 1994, 68 people were killed when American Eagle Flight 4184 crashed into a cornfield in Roselawn, Indiana. The cause of the crash was determined to be an inadequately sized de-icing boot on the wing. Clifford Law Offices represented 16 individuals who were killed and obtained a \$110 million settlement on the eve of trial in federal court for 28 families who had brought suit, avoiding what likely would have been an emotional and lengthy trial.

JUNE

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$7.5 MILLION VERDICT

A record \$7.5 million verdict is reached in an Iowa courtroom against a Sioux Falls tire company. Robert Clifford and Kevin Durkin obtained the verdict following a two-week trial on behalf of a man who suffered brain damage and his wife who was killed when a drunken employee in the company van struck her car.

JANUARY

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$28.2 MILLION VERDICT; \$15 MILLION SETTLEMENT

Many passengers on United Airlines Flight 232 were thrown from the plane when it crashed into a soybean field in Iowa in 1989. The jury took less than three hours to return a verdict of \$28.2 million on behalf of a 70-year-old woman with permanent injuries. Robert Clifford also obtained a \$15 million settlement for a father who lost his wife and daughter, and an additional \$250,000 donated for a bereavement center at a children's hospital in Chicago in their names.

MAY

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$14 MILLION VERDICT

A Commonwealth Edison truck driver causes a collision, leaving an Elgin woman wheelchair-bound. Robert Clifford obtains a \$14 million verdict.

2002

CLIFFORD LAW OFFICES

Clifford Law Offices begins sponsoring closed captioning on WTTW, Chicago's public television station.

MARCH

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$35 MILLION VERDICT

Rachel Barton, a 20-year-old gifted violinist, was on her way to teach a class at a suburban Chicago music school when the doors of a Metra commuter train closed on her violin case shoulder strap. The train slowly left the station, dragging Barton underneath. By the time the train stopped 200 feet away, her legs were severed. A surgeon was able to reattach one and she continues to play the violin as a concert soloist.

APRIL

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT

On a snowy evening in 2005, Southwest Airlines Flight 1248 overran the landing strip and skidded off the Midway Airport runway into traffic, colliding with two vehicles and killing 6-year-old Joshua Woods. Clifford Law Offices was hired in January of 2006 to represent Joshua's family.

FEBRUARY

ROBERT CLIFFORD, KEVIN DURKIN & TIMOTHY TOMASIK

◆ \$70 MILLION SETTLEMENT

On a windy day in March, a 10,000-pound construction scaffold broke loose on the 42nd floor of a building, causing debris to fall to the street and smash three cars. Two young women were killed and three others seriously injured. The settlement represents the majority of a \$77 million global agreement in consolidated cases where Clifford Law acted as lead counsel in taking over 100 depositions.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ 2002, 2005, 2008, 2009 | *The Chicago Lawyer* named Clifford Law Offices the top Chicago personal injury law firm in its Annual Settlement Surveys
- ◆ 2003 | Clifford Law Offices was named by the *National Law Journal* as one of the top 20 "Plaintiffs' Hot List"
- ◆ 2004 | Clifford Law Offices was named by the *National Law Journal* as one of the 25 "Go-To" plaintiffs' law firms in the country
- ◆ 2005 TO 2014 | Robert Clifford is elected chair of the Illinois State Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates
- ◆ 2006 | Kevin Durkin obtains the largest truck accident verdict in the U.S.
- ◆ 2009, 2012 | Robert Clifford was named the Chicago Personal Injury Litigator of the Year by *Best Lawyers in America* based upon high ratings for his ability, professionalism and integrity
- ◆ 2011, 2013, 2014 | Clifford Law Offices receives a Tier 1 ranking in *U.S. News - Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms,"* determined by the firm's overall evaluation
- ◆ 2011 | Robert Clifford is elected President of the Chicago Bar Association
- ◆ 2011 | Robert Clifford and Courtney Boho Marincsin receive Jury Verdict Award for \$85 million whistleblower settlement
- ◆ 2012 | Robert Clifford was named Chicago Medical Malpractice Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers*, the oldest peer-reviewed organization in the country
- ◆ 2012 | *The Chicago Lawyer* names Robert Clifford Person of the Year
- ◆ 2013 | Bob Clifford named one of *Chicago Magazine's* Top 100 Most Powerful Chicagoans
- ◆ 2013 | Clifford Law Offices named to the *National Law Journal's* "Hot List" of one of the 10 Top Litigation Boutiques in the country.
- ◆ 2014 | Bob Clifford and five other partners rated by Martindale-Hubbell as among Chicago's Top Rated Lawyers, scoring a perfect "5"
- ◆ 2014 | Bob Clifford receives 2014 American Inns of Court Foundation Professionalism Award from the Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference



Clifford Law Offices

MARCH

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KEITH HEBEISEN

◆ \$6 MILLION SETTLEMENT

A young mother suffered severe disfigurement when doctors unnecessarily removed a healthy breast due to a lab technician mixing up pathology slides.

APRIL

ROBERT CLIFFORD & KEVIN DURKIN

◆ \$100 MILLION SETTLEMENT

Six people were killed and 16 others were injured as they struggled to escape the smoky stairwell of the burning Cook County Administration Building in downtown Chicago. In one of the highest personal injury settlements in Cook County history, it was determined that firefighters fought the blaze from the wrong stairwell and placed more emphasis on battling the blaze than on saving lives.

MARCH

ROBERT CLIFFORD

◆ \$85 MILLION SETTLEMENT

When an employee of Medline Industries, Inc., one of the nation's largest suppliers of medical and surgical products to healthcare providers throughout the United States, alleged that the company was engaged in a widespread illegal kickback scheme, the result was among the largest settlements of a False Claims Act case (whistleblower) in which the government declined to intervene.

MARCH

ROBERT CLIFFORD & TIMOTHY TOMASIK

◆ \$1.2 BILLION SETTLEMENT

Robert Clifford and Timothy Tomasik served as liaison counsel in the property damage claims arising from the destruction of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. These complex cases were brought on behalf of insurance companies and business interests from around the globe who suffered financial losses after the Twin Towers collapsed.

JUNE

ROBERT CLIFFORD, KEVIN DURKIN & COLIN DUNN

◆ \$180 MILLION VERDICT

While performing their normal work duties, three men were severely burned in a grain elevator explosion. Clifford Law attorneys, who represented two of the three and obtained \$112 million, contended that the company had not properly cleaned the brain in nearly 20 years. It was the 11th highest verdict in the nation that year.

NOVEMBER

KEITH HEBEISEN & SARAH KING

◆ \$15.55 MILLION VERDICT

Keith Hebeisen and Sarah King obtain a \$15.55 million verdict for a mother who dies at childbirth at a Chicago hospital when two doctors fail to diagnose and treat her. It is the third highest verdict in Cook County for the wrongful death of a person in a medical malpractice case.

FEBRUARY

KEVIN DURKIN & SEAN DRISCOLL

◆ \$16 MILLION VERDICT

Kevin Durkin and Sean Driscoll obtain a record \$16 million verdict on behalf of two families whose sons were killed in a grain bin entrapment incident in northwestern Illinois. The two teenagers suffocated in what became a sinkhole of grain. The previous record in that county was \$220,000 in 1989.

APRIL

BRADLEY COSGROVE & SARAH KING

◆ \$14 MILLION VERDICT

Bradley Cosgrove and Sarah King obtain \$14 million verdict for inappropriate prescription of Yasmin for 37-year-old woman who suffered a stroke after 13 days of taking the medication.

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