

## CATASTROPHIC INJURY AND WRONGFUL DEATH

Our team's results speak for themselves and include multi-million dollar recoveries obtained in settlements, jury verdicts, and arbitrations. However, in addition to our results, we pride ourselves on the personalized customer service we provide to our clients. At Shipman, we litigate cases involving catastrophic personal injury and/or death in both federal and state courts. From simple motor vehicle accidents to complex product-related injuries, our lawyers represent the interests of individuals and their families who have suffered life-altering injuries or death. Our team handles cases involving death, physical disfigurement, loss of or limitation to bodily functions, paralysis, traumatic brain injury, amputation, sexual abuse and burn injuries.

Lawyers in this group work alongside a large team of attorneys in a firm that has been in business for more than 105 years. Our catastrophic injury lawyers have tried many significant cases to verdict. The firm uses current case management technology and trial presentation tools, and works with a wide range of technical and medical experts. All three members of our group have taught for many years at Connecticut law schools and continue to teach other lawyers.

Bill, Jim and Mark have many multi-million dollar recoveries for their clients by way of jury trials, arbitrations, and settlements. **If you have questions or would like to discuss a new case, please contact Bill Ronalter at (860) 251-5126.**



### Connecticut Super Lawyers®

Each lawyer in the group has also been selected as a Connecticut Super Lawyer® every year for the past decade. Bill and Jim have been consistently named a Top 50 Lawyer in Connecticut by Super Lawyers. [[https://www.superlawyers.com/about/selection\\_process.html](https://www.superlawyers.com/about/selection_process.html)]

### Best Lawyers in America®

Each lawyer on our catastrophic injury team has also been listed in The Best Lawyers in America. Bill and Mark have been named Lawyer of the Year in Products Liability Litigation by Best Lawyers twice each. [<https://www.bestlawyers.com/methodology>]

### Practice Ranked by Best Lawyers in Tier 1 for Both Plaintiff's Personal Injury Litigation and Plaintiff's Product Liability Litigation

Shipman is ranked Tier 1 by Best Lawyers as a Best Law Firm in Personal Injury Litigation. [<https://www.bestlawyers.com/methodology>]

### The Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum

Each member of our team is a member of The Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, a voluntary membership organization that admits only attorneys who have won multi-million-dollar verdicts or settlements; **fewer than 1% of U.S. lawyers are members.**



# EXPERIENCE AND RESULTS MATTER...

Our team's results speak for themselves and include many multi-million recoveries obtained in settlements, jury verdicts, and arbitrations.

Scan the QR code to read more about our experience.

**Settlements Reached in Crash of B-17 Bomber at Bradley International Airport**

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**\$36,500,000 Arbitration Award for Catastrophic Burns to 3-Year-Old Boy and Father**

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**\$5,025,850 Settlement and Arbitration for Catastrophic Burns**

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**\$5,000,000 Settlement After Truck Strikes Cyclist Resulting in Leg Amputation**

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**\$4,875,000 Settlement After Motor Vehicle Crash Causes Mild Traumatic Brain Injury**

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**\$4,500,000 Verdict for Dental Malpractice After Overfill of Sealer During Root Canal**

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**\$4,300,000 Settlement After Drunk Driver Causes Head-On Crash and Death**

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**\$3,500,000 Settlement For Wrongful Death Caused by Regional SWAT Team**

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**\$1,545,000 Verdict in Motor Vehicle Accident Resulting in Fibromyalgia**

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>> Read Bill's full bio

Bill's practice is devoted to representing individuals who have sustained substantial personal injuries and wrongful death cases. At Shipman, Bill focuses on the quality of his representation of clients in catastrophic injury cases, rather than the quantity of injury cases he is involved in at any given time. This focus allows him the flexibility to be responsive and to listen mindfully to his clients and their needs. Bill prides himself on communicating regularly and proactively with his clients as developments warrant. Bill has more than 35 years of experience handling personal injury cases in various roles, including plaintiff's lawyer, defense lawyer, and as a consultant for an insurance company. Bill represented 8 of the 10 passengers that were killed or injured in the crash of a B-17 airplane at Bradley International Airport. He is dual Board Certified as a Civil Trial Advocate and Civil Practice Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, a distinction that less than 4% of trial lawyers can claim.



**JAMES W. BERGENN**

>> Read Jim's full bio

Jim represents people in all types of personal injury cases including accidents involving motor vehicles and motorcycles, products and premises liability, construction accidents, drownings, boating accidents, environmental hazards and medical malpractice. He handles sexual assault cases on behalf of both adult and children victims. He uses technology to help jurors understand what might otherwise be complex, including video reconstruction, videotaped depositions and illustrations, charts, maps and highlighted documentary evidence. Jim works with a variety of expert witnesses, including accident reconstruction, economic and medical experts to establish damages. Jim is often asked to speak as a legal commentator on both TV and radio on pending or high-profile legal cases in Connecticut.



**MARK K. OSTROWSKI**

>> Read Mark's full bio

Mark has over 35 years of experience handling catastrophic injury and death claims for both victims and defendants. He regularly works with law enforcement officials, government regulators and forensic investigators to determine the cause of catastrophic events and then utilizes that experience to build a case for his clients. He goes to trial armed with the latest case management and courtroom presentation technology and with ready access to many of the country's leading scientific, engineering and medical experts.

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