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From Our PA, NJ, DE Firm, Zarwin Baum
Frank Love Obtains Defense Verdict for Rideshare Driver Despite \$1 Million Future Medical Cost Demand

Zarwin Baum's client, a rideshare driver faced with a bodily injury claim from a passenger in another vehicle in a two-car motor vehicle accident and faced with a future Medical Cost Projection of nearly \$1,000,000, won a defense verdict at trial in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in front of Judge...



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From Our AZ, UT, HI Firm, Righi Fitch Law Group
Slaying the Dragon: Turning the Tables in High-Stakes Litigation!

Righi Fitch Law Group successfully secured summary judgment in an Utah wrongful death case. Despite that this case involved the wrongful death of a father of two and the widow was represented by Arnold & Itkin LLP, a firm renowned for headline-grabbing verdicts and touting billion dollar verdicts and pressured the carrier with a policy limit demand, the insurance carrier stood its ground...



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Behind the Briefcase: Featured Attorneys



Katy Andre
Pappas Grubbs Price, PC
(TEXAS)

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Andre handles cases of varying size and complexity, focusing on personal injury, premises liability, professional liability, construction defect and contract actions. Her representation...



Gerald Biondi
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Gerald C. Biondi ("Jerry") is a Partner in the Tampa office where he focuses on civil litigation with an emphasis on construction defect and construction law matters. His practice includes...



Karess Cannon
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Cannon focuses her practice on the defense of civil cases in Connecticut courts, including, depositions, hearings discovery, and motions practice. She also advises insurance...

The Courtroom

Non-Resident Drivers May Recover Tort Damages Despite Extended Michigan Use

A significant Michigan Court of Appeals decision clarifying that non-residents with out-of-state insurance can pursue tort claims even after driving in Michigan beyond the 30-day threshold.

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PA Supreme Court Protects GC Immunity

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has reaffirmed that general contractors remain immune from civil negligence suits by subcontractor employees under the Workers' Compensation Act - even when the subcontractor's insurer pays the benefits.

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From our TN Firm, Glassman Wyatt Tuttle & Cox, PC
Statutes of Repose as a Shield: Defending Long-Tail Defect Claims in Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky and Mississippi

As construction defect claims are projected to increase in 2025-2026, statutes of repose are emerging as a critical defense tool for limiting long-tail liability. This article outlines key differences in repose periods across Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Mississippi and offers practical guidance for insurers and defense counsel navigating this evolving risk landscape. Early motion practice and thorough project documentation are highlighted as essential to successfully invoking repose defenses.

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