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VIRGINIA'S LARGEST VERDICTS OF 2006

\$1 million

Lawson v. Blizzard

Type of Case: Personal injury, fall at loading dock

Court: Brunswick County Circuit Court

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Summary: A warehouse supervisor fell from the back of a tractor-trailer when the driver of the rig unexpectedly moved it forward several minutes

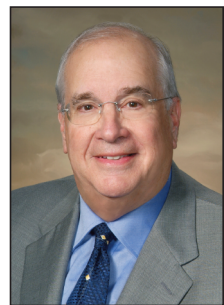
after backing the rig almost flush against a loading dock. After the truck stopped, the supervisor had opened the trailer's doors, placed a steel ramp between it and the dock and started to inspect the trailer's contents. The supervisor broke his heel and cannot walk or work more than six hours a day, even after two surgeries.

The defendants contended that the supervisor's negligence contributed to his injuries and argued that the driver could not reasonably have foreseen that he would have gone inside the trailer.

The Supreme Court refused a petition for appeal.



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