

OHIO DEFENSE VERDICT



Attorney Craig Pelini obtained a defense verdict in a jury trial in Franklin County on behalf of a bar/restaurant and its owners. The Plaintiff and his friend were in the Defendant's bar/restaurant one evening, after having been in the bar for roughly 40 minutes, the Plaintiff and his friend got into a verbal disagreement with another patron. They were all customers in the bar although the Plaintiff's friend was an off-duty employee. After words were exchanged, the CoDefendant, struck the Plaintiff's friend, knocked him down and injured him. Thereafter, the CoDefendant struck the Plaintiff on two occasions, knocked him unconscious and left him with a traumatic brain injury and a fractured nose.

The Plaintiff's claims against the Defendant, the bar/restaurant and owners of the bar, were for negligent supervision, negligent security and negligent hiring, retention and training.

Plaintiff alleged that he sustained a traumatic brain injury and a fractured nose that required surgery. He has ongoing care and treatment, was off work for a six-month time period, lost \$20,000 in wages and incurred \$238,000 in medical care and expenses.

Over a three-day jury trial, the Plaintiff asked the jury to award

\$978,000. The jury returned a defense verdict for Attorney Craig Pelini's Defendant, the bar/restaurant and its owners.

Attorney Craig Pelini and the insurer of the Defendant in this case connected through The Gavel. They have enjoyed working together and their successes together thanks to The Gavel.



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