

# DEFENSE VERDICT

*Ohio - Pelini, Campbell & Ricard, LLC*

Attorney Craig Pelini of the Ohio-based Pelini, Campbell & Ricard, LLC firm obtained a defense verdict in favor of his client, a liquor permit holder, in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas.

The Plaintiff was the driver of an automobile who was struck by the co-defendant who had recently left the insured's premises after consuming alcohol. The Plaintiff was negligent-free, and the accident caused the Plaintiff significant and objective injuries. The Plaintiff underwent multiple surgeries and incurred medical bills in excess of one million dollars. The Plaintiff claimed the insured had overserved the co-defendant while he was noticeably intoxicated.

Through the course of the litigation, there were multiple co-defendants, who all eventually settled with the Plaintiff or were dismissed. At trial, Plaintiff requested \$2,500,000 in damages in addition to punitive damages against the insured. After a four-day trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the insured liquor permit holder.

The potential exposure was large, due to the Plaintiff's extensive and permanent injuries. Both the client and its insurer were thrilled with the defense verdict. Craig and the Defendant's insurer connected through the Gavel.

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