



## **DEFENSE VERDICT**

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Attorney Craig G. Pelini recently secured a full defense verdict in a consolidated bodily injury case tried in the Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas. The case involved two separate motor vehicle accidents, one in May 2018 and another in October 2018, each involving a different insured.

The plaintiff alleged ongoing injuries and extensive treatment related to both incidents, ultimately seeking nearly \$80,000 in damages. The claims included not only bodily injury allegations but also a negligent entrustment claim against a vehicle owner. The defense focused on challenging the plaintiff's claimed damages. Trial strategy emphasized pre-existing conditions,

inconsistent medical records, and treatment that appeared unrelated to either accident. Several gaps in documentation and unexplained billing issues were addressed during trial. Following several failed mediation attempts the matter proceeded to a multi-day jury trial. After hearing all evidence, the jury returned a complete defense verdict, awarding zero dollars to the plaintiff.

Attorney Craig G. Pelini led the trial team, with support from Partner Gianna Calzola, who was present on the final day to take the verdict. The outcome reflects the firm's continued commitment to strong, well-prepared trial advocacy—especially in challenging liability and damage scenarios.

