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**Settlement:** \$36,100,000 (IL Cook-Law)

**Pltf Atty(s):** [Joseph J. Miroballi](#), [Martin J. Lucas](#), [Adam S. Budz](#) of Miroballi, Durkin & Rudin (Chicago, IL)

**Facts:**

Construction laborer, Nick (21) was at work cleaning up a jobsite in 2013 when he was severely injured by heavy machinery. His legs and pelvis were crushed, damaging his bladder and reproductive organs. He underwent bilateral below-the-knee leg amputations and multiple repair surgeries for his other injuries (\$2,027,530 medl. expenses plus future medical expenses related to care and prosthetics; \$624,000-\$780,000 LT). Nick has since earned a B.S. in bioengineering. Allegedly, defts responsible for the construction site were negligent in failing to provide proper supervision and, considering the site's proximity to aircraft and construction noise that drowned out back-up alarms, defts should have created a safety plan that utilized spotters. Pltf also claimed the machinery lacked necessary safety features such as a rearview camera or object detection system. Paid by unnamed defts. The employer waived its \$2,500,000 workers' compensation lien.

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