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Recommended by peers in:
Workers' Compensation Law

Extensive Experience in:
Traumatic Brain Injuries
Transportation Litigation
Motor Vehicle Negligence
Herniated & Ruptured Vertebrae & Discs
Complex Construction Accident Litigation

County: Cook

Litigator: Yes

Practice Description:

Mr. Larry J. Coven is Managing Partner at Coven Law Group, where he specializes in the representation of injured workers in their Workers' Compensation claims. With over 29 years of trial experience before the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, he brings uncommon levels of knowledge, respect and ethics to the representation of clients faced with life-changing devastating injuries. Larry has extensive experience with medically and factually complex cases. He successfully tried many complex cases in Illinois and continues to strongly advocate for the application of evidence-based medicine in workers' compensation.

Larry's experience, combined with his personal commitment to creative and aggressive advocacy, has allowed him to achieve a superior level of practical and efficient case management. As a testament to his professional achievements, Larry has received the legal field's highest rating in both legal ability and ethics. Larry graduated from University of Kansas in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and accounting. He earned his Juris Doctor from the John Marshall Law School in 1994.

Notable Cases and Results:

Appeals

The Levy Company v. The Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission
2014 IL App (1st) 131338WC (November 14, 2014) Cook Co., WC Div. (HOFFMAN) Affirmed

Employee filed two workers' compensation claims arising from shoulder injuries and returned to work subject to permanent

restrictions. Employee sustained back and neck injury at work one year later. Although claims were consolidated, they were individual and separate actions with three different injury dates, and parties were free to settle two while third remained pending. Court properly confirmed Commission's decision approving two lump-sum settlement contracts for shoulder injuries. (HOLDRIDGE, HUDSON, HARRIS, and STEWART, concurring.)

City of Chicago Heights v. The Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission
2016 IL App (1st) 50155 (September 29, 2017) Cook Co., WC Div. (Hanlon) Affirmed

Employee filed a workers' compensation claim arising from knee injury and was returned to work subject to permanent restrictions. Held: (1) The Commission's award of TTD benefits after the date of claimant's retirement was not against the manifest weight of the evidence; (2) the commission could reasonably conclude that the claimant was forced to retire where respondent would not accommodate permanent restrictions imposed by claimant's treating physician; and (3) the Commission's award of medical benefits incurred after claimant's date of retirement, including a total knee arthroplasty, was not against the manifest weight of the evidence. (HUDSON and HOLDRIDGE, HOFFMAN, HARRIS, and MOORE, concurring.)

Settlements

\$38,600,000.00 settlement for a 21-year-old Plaintiff against multiple defendants for construction negligence and product liability resulting in double amputation.

\$2,060,829.33 settlement for injuries suffered by a truck driver who was caused to fall in an unloading area that was negligently maintained and sustain a torn quadricep muscle, peroneal nerve injury, and aggravation of a preexisting degenerative lumbar condition.

\$1,725,000.00 settlement for injuries suffered by a window washer who was caused to fall while working on a scaffold that collapsed while performing his duties at a commercial building, requiring the Plaintiff to undergo a total reconstruction of his lumbar spinal cord.

\$2,025,000.00 settlement for the Plaintiff, a young construction worker, in a construction negligence/premises liability case wherein he came into contact with overhead electrical wires while installing rebar into masonry wall of new building under construction, resulting in severe electrical burn injuries, mild traumatic brain injury and permanent scarring.

\$1,327,500.00 settlement for the wrongful death of a window washer who was caused to fall seven stories from a scaffold while performing his duties at a commercial building.

\$600,000 disputed settlement to the widow of corrections officer who died following a multiple emergency call from ruptured artery.

Workers' Compensation Awards

Permanent total disability benefits awarded to a 61 year-old worker school teacher following multiple knee surgeries and significant permanent restrictions.

Permanent total disability benefits awarded to a 50 year-old streets and sanitation worker following major back surgery and significant permanent restrictions.

Verdicts

\$750,000 verdict against a Defendant orthopedic surgeon for his failure to diagnose and treat the Plaintiff's shoulder injury, for failure to schedule surgery to repair the Plaintiff's fractured arm, and for breach of informed consent.

Bar Admissions:

Illinois, 1995

Year of Birth: 1969

Law School:

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law f/k/a The John Marshall Law School, J.D., 1994

Undergraduate School:

University of Kansas, B.S., Business Administration & Accounting, 1991

Bar/Professional Association Involvement:

Chicago Bar Association
Illinois State Bar Association

Awards; Honors; Distinctions:

Leading Lawyers
Leading Lawyer, 2015-present
Workers' Compensation Law

Firm Description:

Victims of personal injury accidents are entitled to compensation for their injuries, medical bills and expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, reduced earning capacity, and for other costs resulting from the negligence or recklessness of others. At CLG, they have extensive experience assisting individuals and families obtain accountability and fair compensation for a wide range of injuries, including, but not limited to the following:

- Knee & Shoulder Injuries
- Burns, Scarring & Lacerations
- Torn Ligaments & Rotator Cuffs
- Fractures, Breaks & Dislocations
- Neck, Back & Spinal Cord Injuries
- Permanent Impairment & Disability

- Herniated & Ruptured Vertebrae & Discs

A workers' compensation claim involves not only compensation for an injury, it also has provisions which can protect a worker if he or she is unable to engage in their usual occupation as a result of a work-related injury. An injured worker is *not suing their employer* if he/she pursues their workers' compensation claim.

It is extremely important to consult with an experienced attorney immediately after you are injured in an accident. The Coven Law Group can provide you with important valuable information that may prevent serious mistakes that might affect your case. Please call immediately for a free consultation: (312) 845-4000 and (312) 806-1737.

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