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TREMONT SHELDON P.C.



Justice - It's Not Just About the Money

We are proud that for over 30 years Tremont Sheldon attorneys have successfully resolved almost 200 cases involving childhood sex abuse, getting victims the compensation they deserve, closure, and vindication/validation. Usually, the criminal statute of limitations has expired and a civil case seeking compensation is the only option. Most recently, we were able to settle claims against a local Diocese, a private school, and an individual with substantial assets. Our office is currently handling an additional 15 cases of this nature against schools, sports leagues, towns, churches, and theaters.

A unique situation we are proud of, Tremont Sheldon filed lawsuits against a former theater director and theaters on behalf of three individuals abused as minors. At a deposition of the defendant, the theater director admitted under intense questioning that he sexually abused two of the plaintiffs, admitted to having the other plaintiff who was 14 at the time stay over at his home, and finally admitted that he lied to the police who earlier investigated the case. The victim was courageous to return to the police to ask them to reopen the criminal investigation. Her testimony along with the deposition of the defendant provided by Tremont Sheldon to the police led to him being arrested in two jurisdictions.

Never Settle for the First Offer



Tremont Sheldon P.C. successfully recovered over six times the amount of the insurance company's first offer in a case involving a negligent driver. In this case, the plaintiff, who was driving her car with her young son as a passenger, was t-boned on the passenger side while she was stopped and waiting to make a left-hand turn. The insurance company initially offered \$10,000 to resolve the claim. After Attorney Tim Ramsey took the deposition of the at-fault driver, the insurance company ultimately agreed to pay over \$60,000 to resolve her case.

Over the years, Tremont Sheldon has handled cases for injured people who switched to us from other law firms who were not properly representing them. One recent example is a case Jason Tremont handled for a man who suffered neck and knee injuries in a motor vehicle accident. The original attorneys at a different law firm did minimal work on his case and there was no offer. After he transferred his case to Tremont Sheldon, Jason was able to track down additional insurance coverage and successfully settled the claim for \$100,000.

All Four Tremont Sheldon P.C. Lawyers Recognized as Best Lawyers® Award Recipients

Tremont Sheldon P.C. is pleased to announce that all 4 lawyers have been included in the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®. Since it was first published in 1983, Best Lawyers has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence.



"For more than 40 years, the rigorous methodology of Best Lawyers has ensured the integrity and esteem of our legal recognitions,"

said Best Lawyers CEO Phillip Greer. "It is with great pleasure that we continue to provide potential clients with the pinnacle measurement of credibility through our Best Lawyers awards as they search for counsel."

Best Lawyers has earned the respect of the profession, the media, and the public as the most reliable, unbiased source of legal referrals. Its first international list was published in 2006 and since then has grown to provide lists in more than 75 countries.

Lawyers on *The Best Lawyers in America* list are divided by geographic region and practice areas. They are reviewed by their peers based on professional expertise and undergo an authentication process to make sure they are in current practice and in good standing.

Tremont Sheldon P.C. would like to congratulate the following lawyers named to 2024 *The Best Lawyers in America* list:

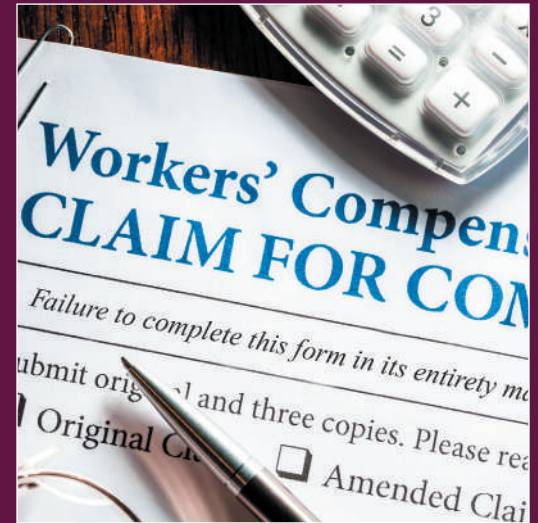
- **FRANK A. BAILEY** - Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs and Workers' Compensation Law - Claimants
- **ROBERT R. SHELDON** - Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs and Workers' Compensation Law - Claimants
- **JASON E. TREMONT** - Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Tremont Sheldon P.C. would like to congratulate the following lawyer recognized in the 2024 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*:

- **TIMOTHY M. RAMSEY** - Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs and Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs



CONNECTICUT EXPANDS WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO INCLUDE POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER



Presently, the only workers in Connecticut who can recover workers' compensation benefits if they suffer post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of witnessing a death, or the circumstances thereof, while in the course of employment are police officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and emergency 911 dispatchers.

Effective January 1, 2024, workers' compensation benefits in Connecticut will include any employee who suffers post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of experiencing one of the following six events:

- Witnessing the death of a person;
- Witnessing an injury that causes the death of a person shortly thereafter;
- Treating an injured person who dies shortly thereafter;
- Carrying an injured person who dies shortly thereafter;
- Viewing a deceased minor; and
- Witnessing an incident that causes a person to lose a body part, to suffer a loss of function, or that results in permanent disfigurement.

Frank Bailey Receives the Career Service Award from GBBA



Career Service Award Honoree Attorney Frank A. Bailey with presenter, friend, and past GBBA President, Attorney Steven A. Levy

Great Bridgeport Bar Association (GBBA) Past President, Frank A. Bailey, was the recipient of the **Career Service Award** for 2023. Friend, colleague, and GBBA Past President Steven Levy presented the award.

The **Career Service Award** is presented to a member of the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association who has shown no less than ten years of dedicated service to the profession, and to the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association, in particular. The recipient of the award should exemplify the highest standards of the Bar, including excellence in their work, courteousness, honor, and professionalism.

Frank served as President during the start of the pandemic and immediately began handling all the business of the GBBA while functioning for over six months without an Executive Director. Zoom quickly became the tool to connect all the GBBA members and committee chairs, setting up virtual seminars and events. Frank rolled up his sleeves and spent hours at the GBBA offices running the

business end as well as recruiting members, setting up Zoom seminars to keep the attorney education and networking going while maintaining the integrity of this organization established in 1880. Frank spent time training the new Executive Director, Cindy Nigro, and continued to keep tabs on all details until the end of his term and beyond.

Frank joined Tremont Sheldon in 1987, notably, the firm founder, T. Paul Tremont, posthumously received the first **Career Service Award**. Frank serves on the Board of many local organizations including youth organizations in his local community and serving as the Chair of Law Day for many years. He is recognized as one of the top 100 Trial Lawyers in Connecticut. Over the last 35 years, Frank has dedicated himself to helping his clients resolve their personal injury and workers' compensation claims, while also committing himself to the service of others.

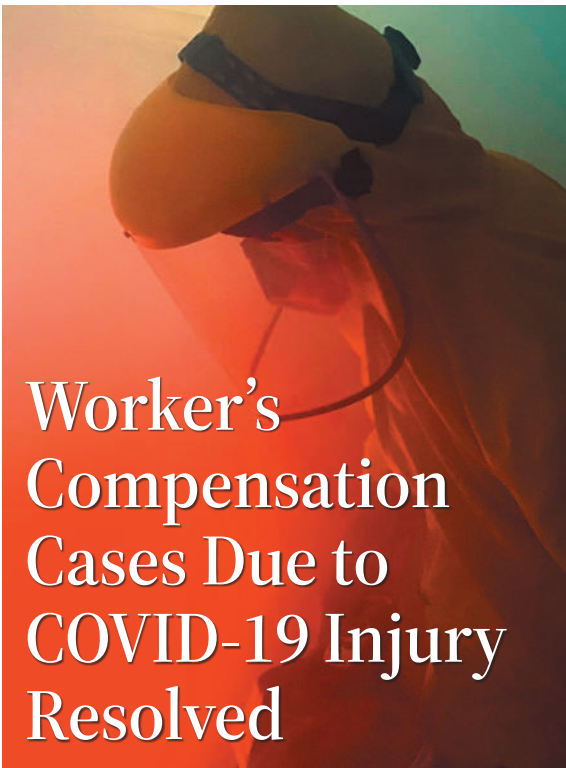


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Worker's Compensation Cases Due to COVID-19 Injury Resolved

Our client, a 67-year-old male, worked as the plant operations manager at an assisted living facility in the area. Prior to his work injury, he was in good health and planned to keep

working for at least five years. In March of 2020, some patients at the facility started to get sick and one was felt to have COVID-19. One late evening, Jim went into the building wearing

a full hazmat suit and "fogged" virtually the entire building by himself.

On April 16, 2020, Jim arrived home from work, feeling tired and achy and without any appetite. Two days later, he tested positive for COVID-19.

He subsequently developed shortness of breath and lost his sense of smell and taste. Jim was out of work for six weeks. Upon his return to work, he periodically missed time from work and he was forced to retire because of his ongoing symptoms.

Bob Sheldon filed a workers' compensation claim for our client. He relied upon Governor Lamont's Executive

Order 7 JJJ dated July 24, 2020, which created a rebuttable presumption that an employee who contracted COVID-19 between March 10, 2020 and May 20, 2020 contracted it on the job and was eligible for workers' compensation benefits.

Like most employers and their insurance carriers after the pandemic, Jim's employer contested his claim, arguing that his injuries were not causally related to his work. Through testimony from Jim, and that of his treating pulmonologist and an expert hired by the employer, Bob Sheldon was able to prove that Jim suffered a 32-33%



permanent partial impairment of both lungs as a result of his work injuries and obtain a specific disability award of approximately \$55,000 for him.

This case is believed to be one of the few workers' compensation cases in Connecticut alleging injuries due to COVID-19 that have been successfully litigated and resolved.

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THE REVIEWS ARE IN!



The Attorneys at Tremont Sheldon are the epitome of professionalism. They are very informative and transparent. They answer all of your questions and concerns with honesty and integrity. I highly recommend this law firm.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

All Personal Injury Claims Including:

- Car/Motorcycle Accidents
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Medical Malpractice
- Falls
- Dog Bites
- Workers' Compensation.

For a complete list, please visit our website.