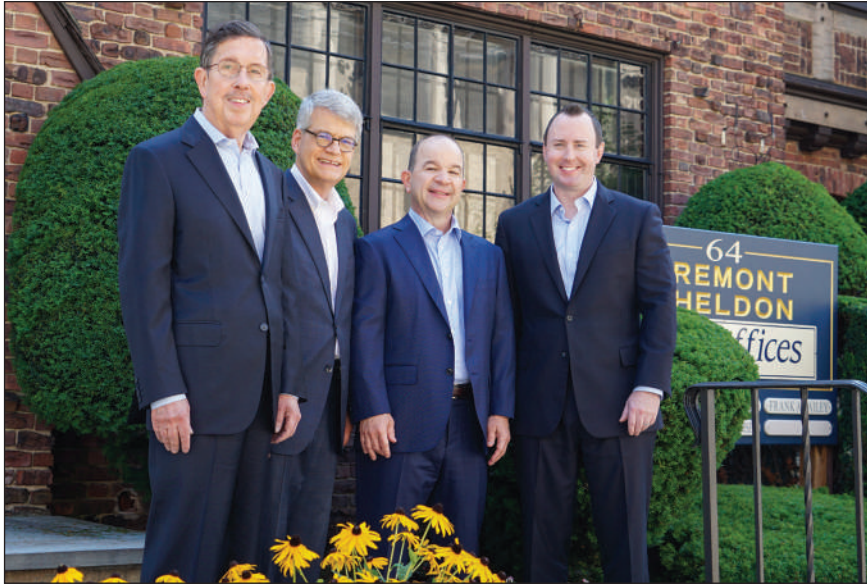


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## Fall on Exterior Stairway Settles After Mediation for \$2,250,000

Bill was a mason by trade and a member of a local union. His work duties included laying brick, pointing, chimney work, block work, building patios, and demolition work. Bill was unfortunately forced to stop working as a mason in the spring of 2019 because of progressively severe left knee pain. In September 2020, Bill underwent left total knee replacement surgery by a local orthopedic surgeon, and the operation went well.

One day before his surgery, Bill leased a one-room apartment in a multi-family dwelling that the defendant owned. Before signing the lease, Bill met with the defendant and inspected the property. During this inspection, the owner promised Bill that he would repair the rear exterior concrete stairway, which was the only means of access to Bill's apartment, before he was released from the hospital and started living in the apartment. The owner never made those repairs before Bill's fall several months later.

In December 2020, several months after surgery, as Bill proceeded down the rear exterior stairway, he was caused to fall and suffered serious

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## \$300,000 to Teenager Hit Crossing Street



Our sixteen-year-old client was legally crossing Sherman Avenue in New Haven at its intersection with Chapel Street. He was almost across the intersection when he was hit by a car that was turning left from Chapel Street and broke his left

leg in multiple areas. The police officer blamed our client for the collision because he thought that the car had a green traffic signal. Attorney Frank Bailey was able to convince the insurance adjuster that its driver was substantially at fault as our client was almost across the intersection and because the driver was not aware that our client was in the crosswalk until she hit him and settled the case for the full insurance coverage limit of \$300,000.

## Case Rejected by Other Law Firm Settles for Six Figures

Attorney Timothy Ramsey recently settled a personal injury case that another lawyer rejected. The case involved an employee who was injured while working on the side of the road when he was struck by a passing motorist. Before Attorney Ramsey's representation, another lawyer rejected the case because there was an issue as to who was at fault for the incident. Shortly after taking the case, Attorney Ramsey successfully negotiated a six-figure settlement for the worker.

injuries to his left knee when the tread surface of the fifth tread failed, broke, and became displaced. In the expert opinion of the consulting engineer that Tremont Sheldon hired, the rear exterior concrete stairway of the defendant's premises was dangerous and defective and the direct cause of our client's injuries.

In mid-June 2022, Bill underwent total revision surgery on his left knee. After that, he received in-home nursing treatment for approximately one month and outpatient rehabilitation treatment for more than five months. Because of the ongoing instability, the treating surgeon performed a second revision of Bill's left total knee replacement at the hospital in mid-December 2022. When the treating surgeon last saw Bill in January 2024, he was experiencing left knee pain and stiffness,

difficulty with stair climbing, and a limited ability to walk outdoors and on unstable terrain.

Bill's injuries from this accident have harmed his daily life. In his words, "I cannot live life like I want to." Bill was not employed at the time of his fall. There was, therefore, no claim for past lost wages. He did, however, assert a claim for loss of future earning capacity. Once he is physically able to do so, Bill intends to engage in online studies to become a licensed safety inspector and thereby use his lifetime knowledge and experience as a mason to do related work in the construction trades with his brain that his physical limitations otherwise prevent him from doing.

Through his skillful efforts, after a lengthy mediation process, Attorney Robert Sheldon settled the case for \$2,250,000.



## Over \$90,000 to Person Attacked While Walking Dog

Attorney Timothy Ramsey successfully recovered over \$90,000 in a case involving a dog attack. The plaintiff was injured when she and her dog were attacked during a walk. The case involved multiple defendants, and each denied that they were the owner or the keeper of the attacking dog. After filing a lawsuit and conducting multiple depositions, Attorney Ramsey was able to obtain a favorable settlement for his client.

“Could not be more pleased with the outcome of our case. The entire team at Tremont Sheldon was exceptional. They guided us throughout the entire process always available to answer any questions or concerns we had. Would highly recommend them to help you with all of your legal matters”



Thank You

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Wishing lots of luck to Gabriella on her next chapter...





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

Tremont Sheldon P.C. is pleased to announce that all lawyers have been included in the 2025 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. 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.

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**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** - Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs and Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

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**Timothy M. Ramsey** - Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs and Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

# Winter Car Safety Tips

As the cold months approach, winter driving in Connecticut brings unique challenges that can put you and others at risk on the road. From icy conditions to snow-covered highways, preparation is key to avoiding accidents and ensuring you are protected in case the unexpected happens. Here are some essential tips to get your your car winter-ready and reduce the chance of injury:

**1. CHECK YOUR TIRES:** Make sure your tires have adequate tread and are suitable for winter driving. In Connecticut, icy roads are a major concern, so consider switching to winter tires for better traction. Also, check your tire pressure regularly, as cold weather can cause it to drop, reducing your car's grip on the road.

**2. KEEP YOUR FLUIDS IN CHECK:** Winter weather can strain your vehicle's performance. Be sure to top off your windshield washer fluid with a winter-specific formula to prevent freezing. Check your engine oil, antifreeze, and brake fluid levels to ensure everything is in optimal condition.

**3. BATTERY AND LIGHTS:** Cold weather can quickly drain your battery, and no one wants to be stranded in freezing temperatures. Have your battery tested before winter sets in and replace it if needed. Also, ensure all your headlights, brake lights, and turn signals are working properly, as poor visibility during winter storms can lead to accidents.

**4. KEEP AN EMERGENCY KIT:** Even with the best preparation, accidents and breakdowns can still happen. Carry a winter emergency kit in your car with essentials such as a blanket, first-aid supplies, a flashlight, jumper cables, a shovel, ice scraper, and non-perishable snacks. These can be lifesavers while waiting for help in freezing conditions.

**5. PRACTICE SAFE WINTER DRIVING:** No amount of preparation can replace cautious driving. Slow down, increase your following distance, and always be alert for black ice or snow-covered patches. Remember, defensive driving can prevent accidents that could result in injuries to yourself or others.

**6. CHECK YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE:** Lastly, review your auto insurance policy before winter starts. Make sure you have sufficient coverage, especially if you'll be driving on icy roads frequently. Accidents do happen, and having the right coverage can protect you from significant financial losses.

Taking these steps can significantly reduce the risks associated with winter driving. However, if you or a loved one does find yourselves injured in a winter car accident, know that you have rights. At Tremont Sheldon, we are committed to representing victims of motor vehicle accidents and ensuring they receive the compensation they deserve.

Drive safe and prepare your vehicle for the Connecticut winter ahead!



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