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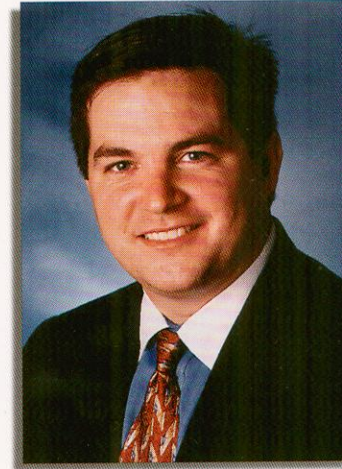
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Daniel V. O'Connor
Age: 33

Daniel V. O'Connor is another example of an outstanding young personal injury plaintiff's litigator. He is the youngest attorney to achieve partner status at the reputable plaintiff's firm of Anesi Ozmon Rodin Novak & Kohen Ltd. A review of cases tracked by Cook County Jury Verdict Reporter provides the evidence for his early partnership. Some of the successful results include these cases in which he was either first chair or co-counsel: \$3.049 million verdict for a painter who fell 12 feet from a scaffold while working on the CTA's elevated Green Line, medical expense totaled \$74,294 and the defense had offered \$250,000; \$3.925 million settlement for ironworker who fell 30 feet and received multiple broken bones, medical expenses totaled \$128,647; \$3.066 million verdict for the family of a 59 year-old male who bled to death from a leg ulcer after a 911 operator refused to send an ambulance for "a bleeding leg" until a third phone call, the ambulance arrived at the victim's home 30 minutes after the first call, the city destroyed the 911 tapes after a court order to provide plaintiff's counsel with a copy; \$1.364 million verdict for an ironworker who tripped on the lower gate while entering a construction hoist that caused a 50% tear in a knee ligament, defense offered \$750,000; \$1.1 million settlement for worker who lost her left hand due to a magnetic drill that had a defective toggle switch; \$1 million settlement for a painting contractor who suffered closed head injury and orbital fracture requiring a titanium plate; \$251,001 verdict for a pipefitter who received a non-displaced pelvic fracture that required no surgery, defense had offered \$135,000; \$1.090 million settlement for a crane operator who was fatally electrocuted when the crane touched an overhead power line while removing an advertising sign; \$1.965 million verdict for a 31 year-old carpenter who fell 1 1/2 floors when a temporary staircase collapsed under him causing a scapula and heel fracture; and \$2.8925 million verdict for an ironworker who fell 20 feet from an unsecured I-beam at a construction sight and sustained fractures to his right knee and left wrist and cartilage damage to his knee.

When you read Dan's nominator's comments it is easy to understand how he achieves these results. Without exception, they all said "he is a hard-working, tireless advocate for his clients' interests, while never being uncivil toward a fellow attorney. His word is his bond. He is fair in all working relationships." A nominator added, "Despite the general adversarial nature of personal injury practice, Mr. O'Connor is unfailingly courteous, considerate of others, and fair in his working relationships. One rarely finds such an extraordinary combination of talent, good humor, genuine ability, and expertise, in someone so young." And another nominator said, "I was introduced to Dan five years ago when he was on the opposing side of a personal injury suit. Throughout the handling of the litigation, Dan exhibited a myriad of traits and qualities which clearly support the success he has achieved in the practice of law. Concisely stated, my response to encountering him on subsequent lawsuits was quite simple: "Oh no....!" Dan and his wife have two young children.

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