

# TREMONT SHELDON P.C.

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## INTERESTING CASES WE RESOLVED OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS

The lawyers at Tremont Sheldon have been working hard for their clients throughout the pandemic. During the last several months, we have had some interesting cases that we thought best to highlight in this newsletter. They are interesting due to the type of injury, insurance coverage or precedent set in the case of the Workers' Compensation case that is highlighted. We work hard for every client and try to resolve cases (that in many instances other lawyers reject) in the best way possible.

### First Workers' Compensation Case Resolved Under C.G.S. Sec. 31-294i



In a decision that is believed to be the first reported case under C.G.S. Sec. 31-294i, a 49-year-old Greenwich firefighter who suffered a heart attack while driving to an emergency carbon monoxide alarm at a private home was found entitled to workers' compensation and other benefits. The

Town vigorously contested the case, arguing that the claimant did not suffer a cardiac emergency while he was engaged in fire duty at the site of a fire or accident, and also because of a significant family history of heart disease. Attorney Bob Sheldon tried the case before Commissioner Brenda Jannotta. The Commissioner found the testimony of the claimant and his treating cardiologist more credible and persuasive than that of the Town's medical expert. Under the decision, the Town is required to pay for the significant permanent impairment to the heart that the firefighter suffered – potentially as much as \$125,000 – and reinstate the sick and vacation time that he used while he was incapacitated from work.

### Wife Sues Husband for Running Over Foot

A \$225,000 settlement was reached by Attorney Jason Tremont before trial in a motor vehicle accident in Bridgeport in July, 2021. The plaintiff wife was standing next to a parked vehicle in a driveway operated by the defendant, her husband. When told to do so by the plaintiff, the defendant backed up the vehicle and ran over the plaintiff's foot. The defendant filed special defenses blaming the plaintiff, who sustained internal damage to her foot, including a fractured toe and a wound injury.

### Settlement Reached for 85-Year-Old Who Fell in Home

A \$300,000 settlement was reached by Attorney Frank Bailey, in a fall down case that was pending in the Milford Superior Court. While visiting a friend's home, the plaintiff, an 85-year-old woman, fell on a single step in a dark, unlit room. She suffered a trimalleolar fracture of the right ankle and a fracture of the right hip, both of which required surgery. She also suffered a fracture to the right humerus, which did not require surgery. Liability was contested by the homeowner's insurance carrier, which made no settlement offer until the time of trial. The plaintiff had a lengthy prior medical history and subsequently fell in her own home and fractured her left hip.

### Uninsured Motorist Case Settles for Full Policy

A \$100,000 settlement was reached by Attorney Tim Ramsey in an uninsured motorist case in July. The plaintiff, a 25-year-old woman, was a passenger in a motor vehicle operated by her ex-boyfriend. He accelerated the vehicle rapidly, crossed into oncoming traffic, and struck a telephone pole. As a result of the impact, the plaintiff was ejected from the vehicle and sustained a concussion with post-concussion headaches. The operator of the vehicle was uninsured. The plaintiff had no automobile insurance coverage of her own. Coverage was disputed, as the plaintiff lived on her own in an apartment and she listed that address on her driver's license. Diligent investigation, however, produced sufficient factual evidence to prove that the plaintiff qualified as a resident relative under the uninsured motorist coverage of her mother's insurance policy. The carrier paid its full policy limits.

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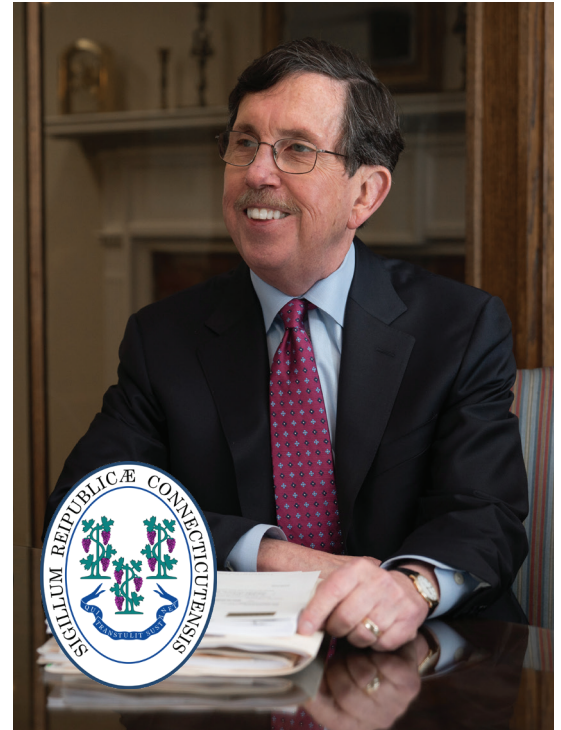
# NEWS & NOTEWORTHY

## Frank Bailey Finishes Greater Bridgeport Bar Association Presidency

Attorney Frank Bailey served as the President of the Bridgeport Bar in 2019 and 2020. He handled his role in a very challenging time with grace, empathy, and decisiveness. The GBBA said some very nice words about Frank below:



“Please wish Frank Bailey well as he finishes his year as President of the GBBA. He has accomplished what the last Pandemic President in 1918 did by keeping the organization afloat and thriving in a year when we had to immediately shut down and go remote. Frank worked on growing our membership, holding virtual meetings and scheduling events and fundraisers while off-site of the office. We thank him for all of the unique and level-headed ways that he solved problems and coached everyone through such a strange year. The GBBA continues to be one of the oldest bar associations in the country. Thank you Frank Bailey, for your service and dedication to the practice of law, your community service, your support of all those around you and your passion to uphold the mission of the GBBA.”



## Robert Sheldon Appointed to the Office of Claims Commission by Governor Lamont

On September 23, 2021, Attorney Robert Sheldon was appointed to the Office of the Claims Commission as a Temporary Deputy by Governor Ned Lamont. Bob was one of 4 people selected in Connecticut. The purpose of the appointment is to assist in cleaning up the backlog of cases now pending before the Claims Commission.

## CONGRATULATIONS ATTORNEY JASON TREMONT



Congratulations to Jason Tremont for his selection into Lawyers of Distinction for his work with Personal Injury



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On April 30th, Frank Bailey appeared on the Lisa Wexler show on WICC to celebrate Law Day. Law

Day is an annual recognition of the role of courts and the rule of law. Frank along with Cindy Nigro, Executive Director of the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association, discussed the charitable activities of the bar association and its role in the community. Frank also gave an update on the state of the courts and when they may reopen for jury trials.



I very much appreciate his quick follow-up and overall thoughts with regard to my case. It has been a pleasure corresponding with Attorney Tremont and your firm...

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## NOT-FOR-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

### Bridgeport Rescue Mission

There are many local organizations that need donations this holiday season and beyond. One such organization is the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. They are conducting the Great ThanksGiving Project to raise funds, food and clothing November 16 - 23, 2021.

Bridgeport Rescue Mission is aiming to serve more than 7,000 families in 6 different cities in Connecticut including Bridgeport, Norwalk, Stamford, New Haven, Ansonia, and Waterbury! Families and individuals who register for the project will be receiving a turkey and bags of fixings for their Thanksgiving dinners.

<https://bridgeportrescuemission.org/the-great-thanksgiving-project>



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