



TREMONT & SHELDON, P.C.

INJURY AND COMPENSATION REPORT

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Tremont & Sheldon, P.C., is located opposite City Hall in Bridgeport, Connecticut at 64 Lyon Terrace in its own historic building. It is a law firm which has been specializing in Personal Injury cases since 1960. We are one of the few firms in Connecticut recognized by **Best Lawyers in America** as specialists in this field.

Our staff of experienced trial lawyers work on a wide range of cases that include:

- ➔ Motor Vehicle Accidents
- ➔ Medical Malpractice
- ➔ Workers' Compensation
- ➔ Fall Downs
- ➔ Work-place Accidents
- ➔ Sexual Assault

We also handle cases for injuries sustained from swimming pool accidents, toys, machines, chemicals, construction equipment and animals.

This Injury and Compensation Report is the first to be sent to you, to keep you informed of the valuable legal rights that you may have when you are injured.

Best Regards,

T. Paul Tremont
President

NEW BREAKTHROUGH FOR VICTIMS' RIGHTS

You are driving home with your wife and children in the car. You are going through an intersection with a green light. A car comes through the red light directly into your path. You swerve to avoid the car, but in doing so you are forced off the road and strike a tree. You and your family are injured in this accident.

If this accident happened before this year, you would not be able to receive compensation for the injuries and loss.

Now you are covered for injuries caused by unidentified non-contact vehicles though your own automobile insurance policy.

This change has happened because the Connecticut Courts have rejected insurance companies attempts to reduce the rights of accident victims.

Much to our surprise, we have represented 3 people who were misinformed by their insurance agents and were told that they could not recover for injuries as there was not contact between the accident vehicles. Fortunately, as a result of consulting with our firm, they have received substantial monetary awards for their injuries.

Here Are Two Lessons:

1. Don't assume that everything you are told by an Agent or a Lawyer is accurate.
2. Always consult a specialist in this field because you may have coverage.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LEGAL FEES!

All lawyers who handle personal injury claims have their fees set by State Law. Whether a lawyer has been practicing for one year or 40 years and whether they have no experience or much experience, the attorneys fees are governed by the same law. In accident cases you do not pay a fee unless there is a recovery. This is what a contingency fee means. Clients are only responsible for out-of-pocket expenses.

These are the fees based upon what you recover:

Up to \$300,000	1 / 3
\$300,000 - \$600,000	25%
\$600,000 - \$900,000	20%
\$900,000 - \$1,200,000	15%
\$1,200,000 plus	10%

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Before You Renew Your Auto Insurance



There are two kinds of auto insurance coverage: **One type** protects you if you cause an accident (Liability Insurance) and **the other** protects you if you are injured by a stolen vehicle, a hit and run driver, or a person who has no insurance or not enough insurance (uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage). The State of Connecticut requires your insurance company to give you the same amount of

protection for yourself and your family (uninsured motorist coverage) that you have with your liability coverage. You may be told that you can save a little money if you agree to lower your uninsured motorist coverage.

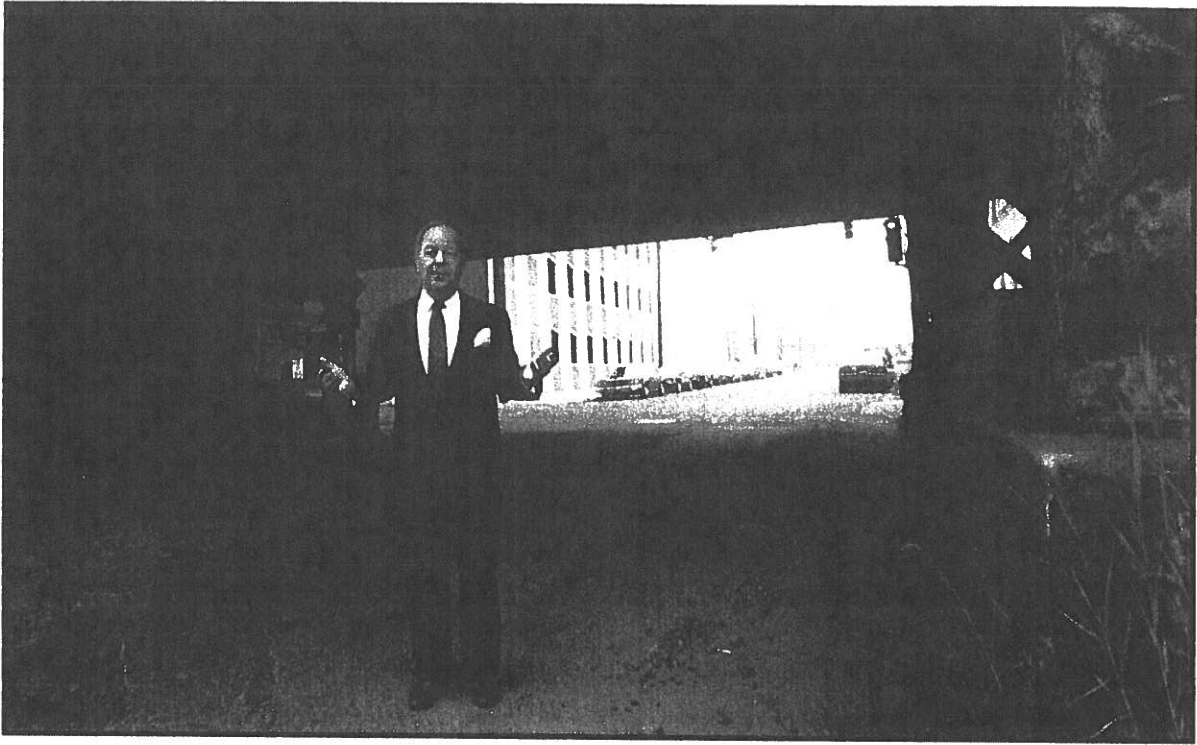
Don't be fooled!! Uninsured Motorist Coverage is the best protection that you can buy for yourself and your family. ***Look at your insurance policy now!***

SAMPLE POLICY			
	Auto 1	Auto 2	Auto 3
A. Liability: each accident	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
B. Medical Payments: each person			
C. Uninsured Motorist: each accident	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
D. Damage to Your Auto (ACV means Actual Cash Value)			
1. Collision Loss ACV minus deductible of	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
2. Other than Collision Loss (ACV minus deductible of each disablement)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00

**NEVER HAVE LESS UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE (C)
THAN LIABILITY COVERAGE (A)**

AGAINST ALL ODDS - - -

2.6 MILLION DOLLAR RECOVERY



Highway in distress

The Connecticut Law Tribune, a state legal newspaper, featured a case in which Tremont & Sheldon, P.C. recovered 2.6 million dollars for the family of an unfortunate woman who was terribly injured and ultimately died because the City of Bridgeport failed to keep its traffic signals working properly.

In 1986 the State Legislature passed a new law that made it almost impossible to sue a town or a city even though its negligent activity caused injury or death. When the family of the woman injured in August of 1987 came to see us, we knew that the law created an almost impossible situation for them. Tremont & Sheldon, P.C. went to court to try to throw out the law because it was unfair and unconstitutional.

Unfortunately, the Connecticut Supreme Court upheld the law, even though it took away rights of injured people. Rather than give up, we continued

our fight using the language of the law that said if the City is 100% responsible, a person could recover. After a nine-week trial, the case was terminated for 2.6 million dollars.

Our firm has a long history of opposing laws that do not benefit persons injured by the negligence of cities and towns.

The Supreme Court of Connecticut upheld the case brought by Tremont & Sheldon, P.C. against the Town of Stratford which claimed that the Town was responsible if a police officer was careless in performing a high-speed chase. In another of our cases, the Town of Ridgefield was held responsible for paralyzing injuries to a girl when its tree warden did not remove dangerous limbs over the highway.

NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL AN ORGANIZATION, WE WILL FIGHT FOR THE RIGHTS OF OUR CLIENTS.

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The law firm of **TREMONT & SHELDON** is located across from Bridgeport City Hall at 64 Lyon Terrace. It is directly off Route I-95 and the Route 8 and 25 connector.

FREE PARKING DIRECTLY ON OUR PREMISES.

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**WHAT'S
HAPPENING**

T. PAUL TREMONT has been elected to the Board of Directors of the American Board of Trial Advocates after serving as President for the last two years.

ROBERT R. SHELDON has been elected treasurer of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association.

CINDY L. ROBINSON lectured on the preparation of medical evidence to a Trial Lawyer Seminar in Hartford, CT.

CINDY L. ROBINSON and **FRANK A. BAILEY** have been named Principals of the law firm.