

The Ten Largest Personal Injury Verdicts in Kentucky from 1998 to 2013

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Verdict</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Case Type</u>	<u>Plaintiff's Counsel</u>
(1)	\$270,107,053	2275	Knott	Utility Negligence	Gary Johnson & Rhonda Jennings Blackburn
<p>An explosion occurred when a man switched the power on in his well house, blaming a gas company's nearby well for leaking natural gas that accumulated and ignited in the well house</p> <p>Date: October 17, 2002</p>					
(2)	\$42,750,000	4392	Hopkins	Nursing Home Neg	Lisa Circeo, Lance Reins & Jerry Rhoads
<p>An elderly nursing home patient died just nine days into his stay – his death was linked to dehydration as while he had an NG tube, nurses failed to see that the plaintiff received enough water to survive – the jury was apparently angered, it imposing punitive damages of \$40,000,000</p> <p>Date: November 16, 2010</p>					
(3)	\$27,599,000	2699	Jefferson	Medical Negligence	Larry Franklin & Ryan Lothar
<p>Did an infant boy sustain a catastrophic birth injury because of medical error by an Ob-Gyn practicing just thirty days or instead did the child unexpectedly constrict the umbilical cord in the minutes before delivery?</p> <p>Date: April 10, 2004</p>					
(4)	\$27,335,667	2530	Warren	Garbage Truck Neg.	Tyler Thompson
<p>Creeping a hill, a teenage girl crashed into a garbage truck that was parked in the wrong lane of traffic; suffering a serious brain injury, the girl was in a coma for fifty-one days</p> <p>Date: 12-6-02</p>					
(5)	\$24,268,261* (Less 50%)	2357	Jefferson	Medical Negligence	Lee Sitlinger & Charles Theiler
<p>A teenage boy suffered a hypoxic event secondary to a surgery to reset a broken arm; sustaining significant brain damage, his estate blamed the treating anesthesiologist for failing to detect an airway obstruction in the PACU</p> <p>Date: 11-26-2002</p>					
(6)	\$20,864,937	131	Louisville-Fed	Medical Negligence	Tyler Thompson
<p>Catastrophic birth injury</p> <p>Date: July 16, 1998</p>					

(7) \$20,149,088 1111 Scott Products Liability Samuel Davies et al
Tragic roll-over accident of multi-passenger van results in multiple deaths; two other passengers claim serious injury
Date: April 29, 1999

(8) \$20,020,000 965 Wayne Outrage Thomas Carroll & Larry Rogers
Jury finds retailer in outrageous conduct towards fired employees
Date: January, 15, 1999

(9) \$20,000,000 3495 Franklin Nursing Home Neg. Stephen O'Brien & Kenneth O'Connor
An elderly nursing home patient died of a heart attack secondary to an undiagnosed bowel obstruction – the man's estate blamed the nursing home for substandard care, implicating both statutory and negligence claims
Date: May 4, 2005

(10) \$19,098,263* 2715 Jefferson Products Liability Michael Hance & Larry Franklin
(Less 10%)
A week after giving birth, a mother died in her sleep; her estate blamed the death on Parlodel, a lactation suppressant, which it alleged caused a fatal seizure
Date: February 27, 2004

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