

Sherrod & Bernard: Lawyers for the Injured



Sherrod and Bernard is a Douglasville, Georgia firm established in 1992 that handles serious injury cases including personal injury, wrongful death, and worker's compensation. In the past year, Sherrod & Bernard has recovered millions of dollars on behalf of injured people or their loved ones. It is common for other lawyers to associate our firm to assist with the serious injury case because of our expertise in this area. Whether you are looking for an experienced advocate to handle your case or a lawyer needing help in this specialized area, Sherrod & Bernard welcomes the opportunity to assist you in obtaining just and fair compensation with the serious injury case.



Our Firm

With offices in Douglasville and Carrollton, the lawyers and staff of Sherrod & Bernard bring to each case vast experience in fighting for civil justice. "Our specialty is handling serious injury cases and getting monetary justice for our clients," says partner John Sherrod. It is our mission to get the insurance company to do what is right.

Sherrod & Bernard handles all types of serious injury and death cases including industrial accidents, worker's compensation, motor vehicle accidents, animal attacks, dangerous and defective products, nursing home neglect/abuse, and premise liability. Each client at Sherrod & Bernard is assigned an experienced paralegal to work along side the attorneys handling the case. Like an insurance company has its adjusters, our clients enjoy immediate access to their paralegal who serves as a "personal claims adjuster" for case management and updates as the case progresses. The paralegals work under the direction of lawyers who have over twenty years of experience in preparing the injury case for pre-trial resolution. If the responsible party, usually an insurance company, does not respond to our settlement demands reasonably and in a timely manner, our lawyers promptly file a lawsuit and handle all phases of litigation including trial and the appellate process.

The lawyers at Sherrod & Bernard have successfully obtained numerous jury verdicts in favor of their clients. Our lawyers have also successfully tried many cases before the Georgia Board of Worker's Compensation on behalf of injured workers being mistreated by their employers. John Sherrod, a longtime member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, has argued many worker's compensation appeals before the State Board and the Georgia Court of Appeals. The firm's work does not stop after a settlement or jury verdict. In order to maximize our clients' recovery, our lawyers handle all liens brought by hospitals, medical providers, group health insurance companies, medicare and medicaid. The ability to resolve these liens against our clients' recovery is of critical importance. This is a developing area in the law and one that our firm addresses in every case. The attorneys at Sherrod & Bernard are committed to providing their clients with quality representation.



"Convalescing from a serious injury is hard enough; the client should not have to worry about being bullied by a giant insurance company," says partner Ken Bernard. Ken, a former trial lawyer in the Marine Corps, has handled complex litigation from the trial phase through appeal including the Georgia Supreme Court. In 2008, Ken was responsible for several cases with results in the million dollar range.

Recent Cases

The lawyers at Sherrod & Bernard handle a wide range of cases involving serious injury or death. Our firm has consistently resolved these cases in favor of our clients. The summaries below represent some of the cases that our firm has handled in 2007 and 2008. Because of privacy concerns for our clients and confidentiality agreements involved, we are limiting the amount of detail concerning these cases. Additional information about our firm and the nature of our work can be found at www.sherrodandbernard.com

VEHICULAR COLLISIONS

Edwards v. Wrecker Company
Wrecker improperly backed out onto rural road striking Plaintiff's car causing it to roll resulting in spinal cord injury and facial scarring ending Plaintiff's professional modeling career.

McGinnis v. Trucking Company
Tractor trailer dropped improperly attached metal ramp onto interstate. The Plaintiff swerved to avoid the ramp in the roadway causing him to lose control and strike oncoming traffic resulting in the wrongful death of his spouse and unborn child. The Plaintiff also sustained a serious brain injury.

Brilliant v. Lumber Company
Lumber truck rear ended Plaintiff at low speed causing permanent disabling spine injury. Case settled just prior to trial.

Dye v. Beer Distributor
County bus driver struck head on by beer truck that lost control while traveling too fast. Plaintiff was awarded worker's compensation benefits for spine injury and severe depression. Case settled pre-suit against beer distributor.

Rodriguez v. Baker
Guest passenger suffered facial scarring, tooth fracture, and spine injury when Defendant lost control

of vehicle striking drainage ditch causing vehicle to flip.

Brown v. Burgess
Vehicle improperly turned in front of motorcycle causing Plaintiff to sustain fractured leg requiring complex surgeries.

Loven v. Bradley
Elderly couple walking through neighborhood struck by Defendant who failed to stop at stop sign. Both Plaintiffs suffered leg fractures, back injuries, and lacerations.

Shelton v. Dobbs
Plaintiff involved in minor impact wreck but developed near fatal staph infection in injured shoulder. After Plaintiffs infectious disease doctor testified, case settled for policy limits.

Miko v. Dodge
Drunk driver ran over pedestrian. Plaintiff suffered fractured back, herniated discs, fractured ribs, dislocated shoulder, and punctured spleen.



Product Liability



DuBard v. Spa
Esthetician caused third-degree facial burn while performing laser hair removal on Plaintiff.

Nestlehutt v. Chemical Supplier
Worker involved in chemical explosion causing third-degree burns to his head, neck, and torso. Explosion occurred because supplier mislabeled and failed to warn that drum contained a dangerous acid. After resolution of the worker's compensation case, case settled against the chemical supplier just prior to trial.

McGaha v. Costume Manufacturer
Plaintiff sustained a permanent spinal cord injury at neighborhood party when knocked down in a sumo wrestler costume that lacked adequate warnings and headgear protection.

Chapman v. Trailer Rental Company
Plaintiff was a passenger in a vehicle pulling a moving trailer when a defective trailer hitch malfunctioned causing her vehicle to flip. Plaintiff suffered multiple injuries including a fractured wrist, fractured teeth, and facial scarring.

Wright v. Hair Care Product
Hair stylist used dangerous hair color product without adequate warnings while coloring a fourteen year old's hair. Product caused third-degree scalp burn to Plaintiff.

PREMISE LIABILITY

Rhodes v. County Government
Inmate at county work camp killed while changing a tractor tire that exploded. County failed to offer safety equipment or training.

Linares v. Crane Company
Crane operator dropped load of plywood resulting in the wrongful death of construction worker.

Andrews v. Hillman
Party host permitted intoxicated individual to leave event in his car. Moments later, the partygoer crashed his vehicle into the rear of a car stopped at a red light causing the wrongful death of the driver and serious injuries to his passenger son.

Sinyard v. Restaurant
Employee spilled pan of hot soup onto face and torso of young child resulting in third degree burns requiring multiple skin grafts and plastic surgery.



Garrett v. Convenience Store
Plaintiff suffered multiple ankle fractures requiring complex surgeries after stepping in hole in store parking lot.

Shaw v. Peterson
Six year old was mauled by Defendant's dog causing permanent facial scarring. Case settled for homeowner's policy limits despite medical expenses of only \$2,697.00.



WORKER'S COMP

Hall v. Security Company
Client fell from ladder while installing a security system requiring numerous surgeries including a total knee replacement and skin graft.

Walker v. Cabinet Company
Client's hand was amputated while operating an electric jointer saw. Client's condition required prosthesis.

Clements v. Police Department
Police investigator injured neck during high speed chase of suspect. Client's condition required two spinal surgeries.

Hembree v. Concrete Company
Client sustained catastrophic injuries after falling into sand silo. After hearings before the Worker's Comp Board, Client will receive worker's compensation benefits for life including handicap accessible housing and a vehicle.

Jennings v. DOT
Officer fell from tractor trailer while performing weigh station inspection rupturing two discs in her neck. After successful surgeries, case settled.

Walkerv v. Construction Company
Client fell off roof fracturing his back and shattering his foot.

Bollen v. Paper Company
Client injured lower back while lifting requiring numerous spinal surgeries. Employer refused to pay benefits but case was accepted and later designated as catastrophic by State Board.

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