

\$1,750,000

(SNN b/31) 89L-19093 Attys Shawn S. Kasserman, G. Grant Dixon III. July 10, 1989, pltf M-19, a laborer for Zemon Concrete Company working at Gross Point Village in Vernon Hills, sustained severe brain damage with cognitive deficits when the boom of the crane fell on him as he was assisting in moving concrete forms which were lifted by a truck-mounted crane out of the new foundation. As the crane was lifting several forms, the pivot pin slid out of position causing the hydraulic cylinder to fail and the boom to crash down on pltf. It was alleged that manufacturer National Crane improperly designed the crane's boom pivot retention system and failed to recall the crane after different and safer designs were incorporated, that Runnion Equipment Co. had serviced the crane a few weeks earlier but failed to reinstall the snap ring on the end of the boom pivot pin, that Zemon failed to properly train its employees to check and maintain equipment, and that Centex Developers failed to supervise the job. Paid: \$1 million by Zemon; \$350,000 each by National Crane and Runnion; and \$50,000 by Centex.