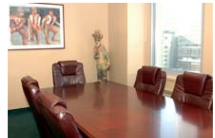


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What's new? Meet DLG's new associate attorney and director of community and media relations**What's new?**

Erin Russell has joined our firm as an Associate Attorney. Erin is a 5th-year litigator licensed in both Georgia and Illinois. Prior to attending law school, she spent

eight years working as a litigation paralegal and private detective investigating injury claims. Erin attended DePaul University's College of Law in Chicago. Until recently, she focused her professional career primarily on the defense of catastrophic injury claims.

After graduating from DePaul, Erin relocated to Atlanta and began her litigation career with Dennis, Cory, Porter & Smith, a nationally recognized transportation firm. While there, she represented trucking companies and chemical and machine manufacturers in matters that involved traumatic injury ranging from basic orthopedic injuries, to limb loss, paralysis and wrongful death. Erin also represented both corporations and individuals in toxic tort, political corruption and conspiracy cases.

In 2006, she was recognized by Law & Politics magazine as a Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star for her work in transportation litigation. In 2007, Erin joined Hawkins & Parnell, a firm globally recognized as a premiere asbestos and product liability defense firm. She concentrated on defending machine and chemical manufacturers' injury claims, as well as attorneys in professional negligence matters. She also provided ethics opinions to attorneys and law firms on a variety of ethics matters. Erin again, was recognized as a Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2009 for her work in product liability defense. In early 2009, Erin returned home to Chicago and shifted her practice to the plaintiffs side of litigation, where she is now using the skill, knowledge and expertise she gained as a defense attorney to the advantage of people who have been injured or families who have lost a loved one.

In April, we welcomed **Treschel Sanders** as the Director of Community and Media Relations, who joins our firm with extensive client-side relational expertise. A graduate of Hampton University, Ms. Sanders worked in projects and programs management with the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession and spent years as the Marketing Coordinator with Watson Wyatt Worldwide. Additionally, she has a strong marketing/communications background and brings experience working for the community through partnerships with the media, local activists and intergovernmental agencies. Treschel's primary focus is to increase DLG's involvement in outreach activities and strengthen our partnerships with our local community leaders.

We're delighted to welcome both Erin and Treschel to DLG, and look forward to the success that their individual expertise will bring the firm going forward.

Our new website -- a legal resource on trucking accidents

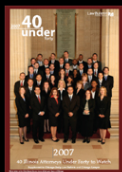
Over the years, we've fought for damages for clients involved in various kinds of accidents. But at DLG, we recognize that trucking accidents are probably the most horrifying of all motor vehicle crashes. As a result, we recently launched a new web site www.dlg-trucking.com to provide information on the types and causes of accidents involving large trucks. The new site also discusses DLG's commitment to marshal the resources to bring lawsuits against major trucking corporations and insurance companies. Accidents involving large trucks can be life-altering. Victims and their families often need help navigating the complexities of filing a lawsuit. If you know someone who has been involved in a trucking accident, let them know that DLG has experience handling these types of cases.

[Our New Website](#)

Illinois Governor signs repeal benefiting victims of CTA negligence

On June 1, Gov. Pat Quinn signed the Metropolitan Transit Authority Section 41 Notice Repeal into law. This law repeals, in its entirety, the notice requirement in Section 41. However, the one-year statute of limitations for filing suit against the CTA still applies and the repeal will only apply to causes that accrue on or after the law's effective date of June 1, 2009.

*The rescinding of this portion of the notice means that our legislators recognize that this has been an onerous and oppressive statute, affecting victims and families who were injured by negligence on the part of CTA. This levels the playing field because it removes the overly technical and

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irrelevant procedural process that required victims prior to a lawsuit being filed to inform CTA of numerous biographical information. The statute was so technical that the misspelling of a doctor's name could result in the dismissal of a victim's case. This is a great victory for ITLA but an even greater win for victims and their families. We here at DLG applaud Sen. Silverstein and Rep. Riley for their foresight and sponsorship of this repeal," says Attorney Yao Dinizulu, an active member of ITLA's Civil Practices & Rules and Civil Rights & Criminal Law committees.

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DLG attorneys have settled over \$6 million dollars in cases in 2009 for victims and their families

and we are just getting started...

Attorney Dinizulu just recently, settled a major lawsuit against a municipality run children's program for child neglect. The case was settled for \$3 million dollars.

Attorney Dinizulu settles for client a case in excess \$350,000. On June 7, 2005, Mr. Durueke was driving his taxicab, a Ford Crown Victoria, carrying a family from Midway Airport back to their home. Traffic was moderate, a little less than steady speed at about 25 to 30 mph and as Mr. Durueke gradually came to a stop at a red light, and waited for the light to change, he was suddenly, rear-ended by another cab. Although the crash was considered low-impact, Mr. Durueke sustained serious injuries to a pre-existing condition in his back. In hopes of gaining relief, Mr. Durueke underwent elective surgery for his back pain. The defendants and their attorneys decided to avoid going to trial and Mr. Durueke's case was settled for \$192,000 plus a waiver of his worker's compensation lien of \$144,000.

Verdict -

Once again, Attorney Dinizulu argues before a jury and wins! On March 17, 2006, Dona Thornton was on her way home from work, boarded a Metra train at Randolph Street and sat on the upper level of the car. As the train began to pull into the Matteson station, Dona got up and began to descend the stairs in order to exit the train. There were no available handrails as she was descending the stairs and she slipped and broke her ankle. At trial, the plaintiff argued that Metra failed to provide handrails to keep Ms. Thornton from falling while the defendants asserted that federal law preempted them from having to add additional handrails for stairwells. This hotly contested issue was decided in favor of the plaintiff and a jury awarded Ms. Thornton \$90,000.

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