

# New York Lawyers Deliver the Nation's 12th Largest New York Construction Accident Verdict for 2010

## **\$4, 093,694\* million verdict sends clear message to construction industry**

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – The recently released *Verdict Search's Top NY Verdicts of 2010* reports that, one of the lawyers at [New York construction accident lawyer](#), David Perecman's Firm secured the 12th largest New York construction accident verdict of 2010 with their winning of the Hassan A. Shabazz v. City of New York, NYC Health & Hospitals Corp., Bovis Lend Lease, and T.A. Ahern Contractors Corp. case tried in Bronx County Supreme Court.

Hassan Shabazz, a 37 year old union-employed apprentice sheet metal worker, slipped on black ice that covered a sidewalk while he was working on a renovation site located on the premises of Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx. He seriously injured his knee in the [New York construction accident](#). His lawyers argued that the [slip and fall accident](#) stemmed from improper snow and ice removal on the worksite.

Ice and snow are two of the most common causes of [slip and fall accidents](#). Construction site contractors should anticipate and/or know that ice and snow can create a more dangerous condition. Construction site contractors, subcontractors and owners must provide their employees with a safe place to work free of [slip and fall hazards](#) as required under New York law. Construction workers often carry heavy materials and work with dangerous equipment. Failing to clear a construction worksite of snow, ice and other hazards increases the chance for a serious, life-altering [slip and fall accident](#).

“What makes black ice so dangerous is that it is very difficult to see. It's thin, almost transparent, and is often mistaken for wet pavement,” said [New York construction accident lawyer](#) Perecman. “Black ice can cause serious personal injury accidents that can result in serious injuries or even death.

The jury heard how Shabazz now has difficulty walking and experiences pain in his knee. They also heard how he can no longer work in construction or any occupation that required strenuous physical activity as a result of his [construction accident slip and fall](#).

Shabazz sought recovery of his past and future medical expenses, his past lost earnings, his future lost earnings and benefits, and damages for his past and future pain and suffering.

“Juries have the power to make a significant difference when contractors don't do the right thing. It sends a very clear message,” said Perecman, a [New York construction accident lawyer](#) with more than thirty years of experience representing construction workers who were seriously injured in [workplace slip and fall accidents](#).

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the New York personal injury accident, medical malpractice, auto accident, and construction accident lawyers at The Perceman Firm, PLLC have handled all types of cases including slips and falls caused by ice and snow. David Perceman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perceman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perceman won a \$15 million verdict\*\* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict\*\*\* for an automobile accident, and a and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice\*\*\*\*.

\* settled post trial for \$2,250,000.00

\*\*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

\*\*\* later settled for \$3.5 million

\*\*\*\* total potential payout

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