

CASE REVIEW:

**Injuries sustained in nightclub brawl result in \$1 million settlement**

A local dance club in north Sarasota was the scene of an unfortunate incident that resulted in serious injury for a client of our firm. Larry Falgout and his son were exiting this establishment at closing time when a patron got into a shouting match with Larry's son. The altercation turned physical. Fists started flying and Larry's son was no match for the six-foot-seven, 280-pound patron. When Larry attempted to assist his son, both men were pummeled by the patron and a friend.

Discovery revealed that the patron was an ex-bouncer. As soon as the fight erupted the club's current bouncers pushed all the men outside and locked the doors behind them. Larry and his son were abandoned by the very people hired to keep peace in this rowdy club. As Larry's head lay by the front door the large patron punched and kicked him while he was down until he was unconscious.

Larry suffered a subdural hematoma that required emergency surgery. Larry almost died from the incident and, after a lengthy recovery, was left with a permanent brain injury. Larry's thinking was forever impaired, his ability to communicate was significantly affected and his emotional behavior became very erratic.

Our Firm hired William Bopp, a former Chief of Police who reviewed the incident report and other data and concluded the dance establishment failed to protect Larry and his son. After extensive discovery the case was settled for over one million dollars.

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