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## MILLION-DOLLAR SETTLEMENTS

VIRGINIA'S MILLION-DOLLAR SETTLEMENTS OF 2014



**16** \$2.99 Million

## Lift gate malfunction caused deliveryman to fall down shaft

**Type of case:** Products liability

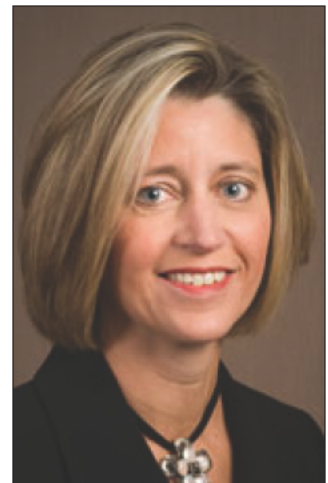
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Plaintiff was injured while delivering packages to an office building. He was attempting to use a material lift when the lift gate allegedly malfunctioned, causing him to fall 13 feet down a shaft. He suffered a traumatic brain injury along with multiple fractures.

Defendants contested liability, and raised contributory negligence as a defense.



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