

Indiano & Williams force race track owner and race promoter to compensate widow of race crash victim

In motorcycle racing, it is often difficult to convince a jury that a racer traveling at great speeds should be compensated by a track owner or a race promoter. The claims of assumption of the risk, inherently dangerous activity, contributory negligence and release are buzz words for defendants in such so-called "Extreme Sports." Despite such odds, a case well-prepared can turn the tables as was in the case *Pellegrino v. Mudafort*, New Salinas International Speedway, et.al. recently settled by Indiano & Williams.

Some of the best experts in the country were hired to establish a theory based on track defects which led to a settlement of the case following a mediation session and subsequent negotiations one month prior to trial. Both the track owners and the race promoter will have to take the theories set forth by the firm into consideration before allowing any similar races to be held at this track without correcting these defects. This is an example in law where prosecution of one case may save someone's life in the future.