



Estey named Trial Lawyer of Year by consumer attorneys group

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Estey & Bomberger partner Stephen Estey was recently named the “Trial Lawyer of the Year” by the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego (CASD) for prevailing in two high-profile cases. It's the second time he has won the award.

The first case involved an auto accident, where the plaintiff was seriously injured when his skateboard collided with a trash collection truck owned by the City of San Diego near a crosswalk. Using highly sophisticated and exhaustive research, Estey and his team took 77 depositions and used 15 experts to compile evidence to support their client's version of events.

The city eventually agreed to settle the case at trial for \$18.5 million. It's the largest settlement the city has ever made to a single plaintiff.

The second case related to the sexual abuse of a 10-year old boy at the hands of his fifth grade teacher. Following a trial, a special verdict was given in favor of the plaintiff for \$23 million – the largest ever obtained against the Los Angeles Unified School District.