

Subrogation claims piling up?

Let S&D help!



The law firm of Simpson & Deardorff, S.C. is well-known for its exceptional insurance defense practice, but our attorneys also have the expertise to handle your subrogation files! Our subrogation practice has expanded in recent years with great success. In order for our clients to realize greater recoveries, we have instituted a sliding-scale contingent fee arrangement. The higher the recovery value, the lower our fee. Contact Attorney Art Simpson today to learn more about this special program and our past subrogation successes. We look forward to lifting your subrogation burdens!

“Simpson & Deardorff excels at subrogation representation.”

August 2010 Milwaukee County Jury Trial - \$1,000,000 Subrogation Recovery. This case involved a fire at a large apartment complex. The building sustained \$1,100,000 in damages. S&D represented the insurance carrier for the apartment complex. It was alleged that a 75-year-old tenant had carelessly handled smoking materials starting the fire. The case was based upon circumstantial evidence. The tenant defendant was a known heavy smoker with cigarettes found throughout the apartment after the fire. A government investigation established the area of origin as a sofa, and it was admitted that this was a slow-burning fire. Evidence failed to reveal use of any electrical outlets in the room, and various other causes of the fire were ruled out. The defense argued that there was still not enough evidence to meet the burden of proof. The parties negotiated a high/low agreement regarding damages. The jury found the tenant defendant (who was killed in the fire) causally negligent. The client’s recovery was \$1,000,000 pursuant to the high/low agreement.

April 2010 Waushara County Subrogation Settlement. S&D successfully settled this subrogation case, recovering 94% of the actual cash value S&D’s client paid to its insured for damages resulting from a fire at the insured’s residence. The defendant’s employee lost control of a vehicle he was operating and struck a power pole in front of the insured’s residence. When the power pole was hit and knocked down, wires from the pole to the house were severed causing a short circuit and a fire at the insured’s residence. Following some initial discovery, the defendant agreed to settle the case.

February 2010 Walworth County Pre-Suit Subrogation Recovery. S&D successfully recovered \$195,000 for its client. The insured’s home was completely destroyed by fire as a result of a contractor negligently trying to thaw a frozen septic line with a blow torch. S&D assisted with investigation of the claim and negotiated a pre-suit settlement with the contractor’s liability carrier after the home was re-built.

January 2010 Ozaukee County Subrogation Recovery. S&D successfully recovered \$190,000 for its client. The insured’s home sustained significant water damage as a result of frozen water pipes. The general contractor and multiple subcontractors all denied responsibility for freezing pipes. After discovery and expert investigation, all defendants contributed to settlement of the claim at mediation.

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