

# DEWITT ALGORRI & ALGORRI



From Left: Patrick Nolan, Sam Soleimany, William McMillan, Jonathan Lee, Carolyn Tan, Mark Algorri, and Ernest Algorri

For more than 35 years, DeWitt Algorri & Algorri has successfully advocated on behalf of individuals and their families in cases involving catastrophic injuries and insurance bad faith. The firm has a long history of significant recoveries, and in 2014 it cemented its standing as one of Southern California's most successful plaintiffs' trial firms after winning more than \$60 million in verdicts and settlements during that year alone.

Among its 2014 recoveries, DeWitt Algorri & Algorri secured one of the year's top ten verdicts in Southern California, as reported by VerdictSearch—a \$19 million award in *Marin v. Ganuelas*. As part of that case, Mark Algorri, along with senior associate Carolyn Tan and referring counsel Maryam Parman of Avrek Law Firm, represented a single mother who suffered a catastrophic brain injury when her car was struck from behind on a West Covina freeway.

The injury left the woman in a persistent vegetative state, and when the defendant's insurance carrier failed to settle the case, Algorri took the case to trial and achieved a massive excess judgment against a \$100,000 insurance policy. "This was a challenging case of contested liability, for which we called upon experts in areas such as accident reconstruction and life care planning," notes Algorri, the lead trial lawyer in the case.

Also in 2014, Algorri and co-counsel Bruce Palumbo obtained a verdict of \$3 million against Mercury Insurance Company for bad faith insurance practices. The plaintiffs in the case had been struck by the car of a Mercury-insured driver, who had a \$30,000 insurance policy. When Mercury failed to settle the plaintiffs' claim, the plaintiffs obtained a judgment against the driver and then sued Mercury to secure the award.

"We don't follow a formula for pushing cases through the legal process," notes Algorri. "Instead, we work on a contingency basis—no recovery, no fee—and assess each case on its own merits, finding the creative opportunities that benefit our clients."

This dynamic approach has garnered high esteem in the legal profession, with more than 95 percent of the firm's cases stemming from referrals by other lawyers, former adversaries, and even judges. Attorneys at the firm have also been inducted into the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, the Consumer Attorneys of California, the American Association for Justice, and the Academy of Catastrophic Injury Attorneys.

Additionally, Mark Algorri, Ernest Algorri, and William McMillan are members of the invitation-only American Board of Trial Advocates and the National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers. They have been regularly named in Southern California Super Lawyers, and Patrick Nolan has been selected to Super Lawyers' "Rising Stars."

As a whole, DeWitt Algorri & Algorri has been AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell®, the organization's highest rating; and it has been featured on CBS's 60 Minutes, NBC's Meet the Press, and many other news programs.

"When we take on clients, they can expect us to leverage our experience and resources to build the most compelling case possible," Algorri says. "Even when the going gets tough, we stick by our clients and work hard to see that they are fully compensated for their injuries."

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