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John Perconti, Mike Bonamarte and Margaret Battersby Black Receive 2015 Jury Verdict Reporter Awards

CHICAGO, October 22, 2015 – Wednesday evening, John J. Perconti, Michael F. Bonamarte, and Margaret P. Battersby Black of Levin & Perconti received awards for Trial Lawyer Excellence at the 2015 Jury Verdict Reporter Awards Ceremony.

John, Mike, and Margaret were recognized for a \$7.5 million settlement they obtained in 2014 on behalf of a 37-year-old man who suffered serious neck and back injuries, resulting in partial paralysis when he was thrown into the air after a boat explosion in Alton, IL. This is a record Illinois Jones Act Settlement, according to John Kirkton, editor of the *Illinois Jury Verdict Reporter*. This settlement surpasses Levin & Perconti's previous record Illinois Jones Act settlement of \$4,500,000 obtained in 2008.

Mike and firm partner, Steven M. Levin, previously received the Trial Lawyer Excellence Award at the 2012 JVR Awards for the Highest Reported Illinois Verdict of \$2.9 million in a Nursing Home Negligence case. The JVR awards are presented annually by the Jury Verdict Reporter, a division of *the Law Bulletin Publishing Company*. These awards recognize trial lawyers for their successful representation of clients.

The JVR Awards Ceremony was held on October 21, in the Winter Garden at Harold Washington Library in Chicago. Other members of the firm in attendance include Jordan Powell, Marvet Sweis Drnovsek, Daisy Ayllon, and Zachary Greening who is now an attorney at L&P, and contributed to the case while clerking at the firm.

Levin & Perconti is a nationally-renowned Chicago law firm representing clients throughout Illinois in all types of personal injury, medical malpractice, and wrongful death litigation. The lawyers at Levin & Perconti have recovered over \$540 million on behalf of clients, and are committed to protecting and vindicating the rights of people who are injured by the negligence of others. Please contact the firm at (312) 332-2872 or visit www.levinperconti.com for more information.

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