

Lombard family gets settlement for son who fell off a Chicago porch

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Lombard, IL — The family of Sean Heflin, a Lombard resident who died after falling off a Chicago apartment porch in 2007, was awarded \$975,000 in a wrongful death lawsuit Monday by Judge Kathy Flanagan of Cook County's circuit court.

On July 1, 2007, Sean Heflin, 24, fell from second-floor balcony at his girlfriend's apartment building, 1909 N. Bissell St., Chicago, and landed on the concrete below.

He suffered traumatic brain injuries and died seven months later on Jan. 14, 2008.

Heflin's mother, Jane Heflin, filed a lawsuit against the apartment's owner and manager, Stammich Management, LLC in January 2008. The suit alleged the porch railings were approximately 10 inches lower than was required by the Chicago building code requirement, which is 42 inches.

Attorneys Steven M. Levin and Michael F. Bonamarte of **Levin & Perconti**, Chicago law firm, represented the Heflin family.

"We hope that Sean's case will set an example for other landlords in Chicago, and will motivate them to maintain their properties in accordance with the city code to prevent further accidents," Levin said.

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