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Bus Company settles lawsuit for \$1.25 million after school bus driver struck woman down

CHICAGO, IL – July 19, 2006 – Levin & Perconti recently settled a lawsuit for \$1.25 million on behalf of a 50 year-old woman who was struck by a bus as she was crossing in the cross walk located at Argyle and Kenmore in Chicago. The bus driver, employed at Alltown Bus Service, Inc. pled guilty in traffic court to failure to exercise due care and striking a pedestrian.

The woman was pushing a shopping cart, on her way to the Salvation Army to purchase gifts for her grandchildren, when the incident occurred. As the woman began crossing the street, in the crosswalk, the bus not only struck her but rolled over her body. She suffered multiple pelvic fractures, rib fractures and spinal fractures and will need a hip replacement due early arthritis from the fractures in her hip.

Attorney John Perconti of Levin & Perconti represented the Plaintiff. "This was a clear case of a motorist's failure to observe a pedestrian crossing in plain view in a designated cross walk. The defendant testified she never saw the pedestrian or shopping cart prior to the accident and did not realize she had struck a pedestrian until the passengers began shouting at her to stop the bus," said Perconti.

Denice Terrell v. Alltown Bus Service, Inc. # 05 L 000289