

**COOK COUNTY JURY VERDICT REPORTER  
VERDICT REPORT**

**TITLE OF CASE:** Freddie Stinson v. 816 West Lake Street, Inc d/b/a The Chromium Club

**CASE NUMBER:** 04 L 10416

**TRIAL DATES:** September 25, 2007 through October 1, 2007.

**JUDGE:** Judge Henry Simmons

**COUNTY:** Cook

**VERDICT:** \$881,237.85

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**DEFENDANT LAW FIRM:** Kopka, Pinkus, Dolin & Eads, P.C.  
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Trial attorney: Timothy Palumbo, Esq.

**INSURANCE COMPANY:** Founders Insurance Company

**FACTS OF CASE:**

**Date of occurrence:** October 27, 2003

**Location:** Chromium Club, 817 West Lake, Chicago, IL

**What happened:** Freddy Stinson was leaving a club with friends when someone outside of the club threw a bottle into the club and hit the club's bouncer in the head. The bouncer in turn, took the bottle and threw it in the direction from where it came and it struck a pillar at the door, shattering it. Shards of glass flew into Mr. Stinson's eye.

**Defense contended:** The defendant admitted that the bouncer was hit in the head with a bottle. It denied that the bouncer threw the bottle back. It contended that the incident occurred 1.5-2 hours later and happened at a different location.

**Injuries:** He suffered corneal laceration and required corneal transplant and the implantation of a lens. His corrected vision is 20/50 and he has no future surgeries planned.

**MEDICAL WITNESSES (Treating):**

Angelo Tanna, M.D.  
Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation  
Department of Ophthalmology  
675 N. St. Clair - Suite 15-150  
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Surendra Basti, M.D. (Corneal transplant)  
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**EXPERT WITNESSES:**

**Plaintiff:** Vaughn Palelei (Bar Security and Hiring)  
3161 Sagnashkee Lane  
Naperville, IL 60564  
(312) 498-1785  
(312) 212-0009

**Defendant:** None

**SPECIALS:**

**Medical Expenses:** \$73,507.85  
**Lost Wages:** None claimed

**LAST DEMAND:** \$500,000.00  
**ASKED OF JURY:** 1,600,000  
**LAST OFFER:** \$300,000.00

**Plaintiff's age at time of occurrence:** 23  
**Plaintiff's sex:** Male

**Date of Report:** October 19, 2007

**NAME & PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON SUBMITTING THIS REPORT:**

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