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## QUESTIONS?

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## Workplace Safety

On December 11, 2009, Robert B. Warner secured a jury verdict on behalf of his client, following a trial in Kanawha County before Judge Tod Kaufman. The jury awarded the Wood County man compensation for his injuries suffered after falling from a bridge while working for his employer.

The plaintiff was employed as a welder on the Blennerhasset Bridge project near the West Virginia/Ohio border. His employers did not provide adequate safety protection to prevent him from being exposed to a hazard while working at elevated heights, thereby exposing him to an unsafe working condition. The Wood County man suffered multiple injuries.

In West Virginia, an employee who is injured on the job as a result of an unsafe working condition created or known by the employer may recover for such injuries against the employer in a civil action. Our client testified that while working on the bridge project, it was common for employees to be exposed to fall hazards by the lack of safety harnesses or other fall protection provided by the employer. The jury found that the employer intentionally exposed our client to a dangerous workplace condition and awarded \$500,000.





## Visit Our Website

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# Sissonville Midget League

Our firm recently made a \$5,000 donation to the Sissonville midget league football program. This donation will assist the league in improving field conditions, buying new equipment and building a concession stand for area children. The field was in terrible condition and was in desperate need of repair. Warner Law Offices is excited for the children of Sissonville that they will now have a quality facility to hold their events. Warner Law Offices is dedicated to improving our community and helping local organizations reach their goals.



## Students of Excellence



Warner Law Offices recently sponsored The State Journal's first annual "Students of Excellence" award presentation. As a sponsor, our firm was able to help fund the event and present a \$1,000 scholarship to one high school senior.

These accomplished students represent large and small high schools in cities and rural regions across West Virginia. These students are planning for the future and developing their route toward their educational and career goals.

We selected Evan Dalton as the recipient of the scholarship. Evan is from St. Albans, and he is a graduate of St. Albans High School. He is currently enrolled at the New York Film Academy and wants to return to West Virginia upon completion of his education and film a documentary on The Mountain State.

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## Workplace Injury

A roofing company employee was severely injured while working on a roofing project when he stepped through a skylight and fell nearly twenty feet onto a concrete floor. At the time of the fall, barriers had not been placed around the skylight, and the company did not require employees to wear personal fall protection equipment. Warner Law Offices diligently pursued the claim and reached a \$750,000 settlement.

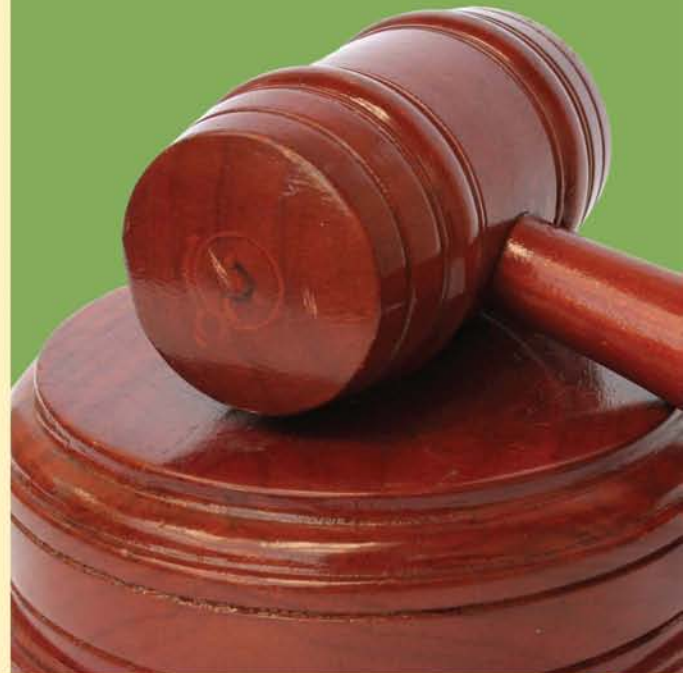
West Virginia provides legal protection in addition to workers' compensation benefits for employees injured or killed in the workplace: a right to sue when an employer's disregard for safety amounts to intentional exposure of workers to unsafe conditions. Such claims are known as employer's deliberate intent. Whether your potential claim for employers' deliberate intent damages involved a fall at work, a coal mining disaster, or a construction site accident, we have the thorough knowledge and ability to help prove your right to the full range of damages available while giving the employer a powerful financial incentive to improve workplace safety.



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## Recent Verdicts & Settlements

A warehouse worker was permanently injured when a defective pallet jack struck his lower leg, causing a significant fracture and requiring multiple surgeries. The pallet jack involved in the accident had been altered from its original condition because part of the jack's braking system had been removed and replaced with non-standard parts. The non-standard parts allowed the pallet jack to continue moving even though the handle was in the "stop" position. This injury could have been prevented if the pallet jack had been properly repaired and/or serviced. A \$600,000 settlement was reached.



*For more information, please visit [wvpersonalinjury.com](http://wvpersonalinjury.com).*







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## Meet Our Staff



*Kelli Harris*

Kelli Harris is originally from Charleston, WV. She graduated from Capital High School in 1991. She then attended the University of Charleston where she earned an associate degree in general studies. Kelli has been in the legal field for the past 14 years and has worked on a variety of cases, but specializes in medical malpractice litigation. Kelli works as Paul K. Reese's paralegal at Warner Law Offices. She has a four-year-old daughter Brinlee. Kelli and Brinlee enjoy going to the park, riding their bikes, dancing, fishing and camping.



*Sarah Goode*

Sarah Goode lives in Red House, WV with her husband Kevin and eight month old son, Joshua. She is a 2004 graduate of West Virginia University Institute of Technology, earning an associate degree in business technology. She is the receptionist at Warner Law Offices. She enjoys spending time with her family, reading, playing with her dog Chewy, and doing anything outdoors.