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**WRONGFUL DEATH CASE LEADS TO \$6.25 MILLION  
SETTLEMENT FOR LEVINSON AND STEFANI**

CHICAGO — Levinson and Stefani, a Chicago-based personal injury law firm, has settled the wrongful death case of the Estate of Carlos Garcia for \$6.25 million. The settlement amount, overseen by founding partner Ken Levinson and partner Jay Stefani, was approved today by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

The Garcia case stems from a lawsuit filed by Nayeli Delgado-Gutierrez (Plaintiff), Garcia's partner and the mother of his children. On the morning of March 15, 2015, Garcia was driving northbound on I-294 near mile marker 44 when the wheel from a southbound van—owned and operated by Professional Transportation, Inc.—disengaged from its axle, crossed the median and struck his vehicle. Garcia died almost immediately from his injuries. He is survived by five children, all of whom are minors. They are the only heirs entitled to receive the net proceeds of the settlement amount.

“Obviously, this was a challenging time for the Garcia family,” said Levinson and Stefani founding partner and lead counsel Ken Levinson. “We can’t bring Carlos back, but we hope Nayeli and her kids feel some small measure of relief knowing their future is financially secure. Helping them find a degree of closure was our goal coming into this situation.”

Through discovery, attorneys detailed a series of events that constituted negligence. Defendants in the case included Professional Transportation, Inc., United Leasing, LLC, JB Seeboth, LLC, and Randall L. Burrell.

**About Ken Levinson**

Ken Levinson is a passionate advocate for accident survivors and child safety. He has been practicing law in Illinois for more than 20 years. Levinson was listed by Illinois *Super Lawyers* magazine as one of the top attorneys in Illinois between 2010-2016; he was listed in the Illinois *Super Lawyers* Top 100 in 2012 and 2016. He is also the co-author of *Litigating Major Automobile Injury and Death Cases*, the newest reference litigation series published by AAJ Press/Thomson Reuters.

### **About Jay Stefani**

John A. (Jay) Stefani is a trial lawyer concentrating on helping individuals and families affected by trucking collisions, car crashes, and wrongful death. He has represented people in these situations his entire legal career. In 2016, Stefani was elected Parliamentarian for the American Association for Justice's Sole Practitioner & Small Firm Section, serving a one-year term for 2016-2017. Stefani was honored as an Illinois *Super Lawyers* Rising Star for 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

### **About Levinson and Stefani**

Founded in 2014, [Levinson and Stefani](#) is a Chicago-based law firm offering client-first legal representation. Founded by Ken Levinson and Jay Stefani, the firm focuses on truck, auto and bus-related accidents, as well as child injury cases.

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