

## Jury Awards \$3.1 Million for Brain Injury

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A Jefferson County jury awarded just under \$3.1 Million yesterday to Scott D. Martin, a client of The Law Office of Mark A. Gould, who was injured in an August 24, 2008 rear-end motor vehicle collision. Scott Martin was properly stopped on Highway 285 waiting for traffic to clear to make a lawful left turn when a vehicle struck him from behind. It was undisputed that the other vehicle was traveling an estimated 60 miles per hour and that the other driver's negligence caused the accident. The issues decided by the jury were the seriousness of Scott Martin's resulting brain injury and the amount of damages needed to compensate him.

Mark Gould was co-counsel with Richard Kaudy who brought in Rick Friedman in to help try the case. Lead counsel, Rick Friedman, of Friedman and Rubin, is one of the nation's top civil trial attorneys representing injured people, and has earned national recognition for his advocacy on behalf of his clients. Together they were a winning combination. The attorneys, along with the Martin family, were grateful for the jury's verdict.

"This verdict will help Scott and his wife Betsy rebuild their lives and ensures Scott can pay for the future medical care he needs," said attorney Mark Gould. Mr. Gould also explained that "it affirmed my belief that jurors will put injured people on a level playing ground with insurance companies to make sure the right thing is done."

"Although this is a very conservative community, the jury's verdict shows that commonsense values of fairness and decency are alive and well here in Colorado," said attorney Rich Kaudy. "While this has been a very difficult experience for this family, they now have hope for their future," he said.

The multi-million dollar verdict is one of the biggest personal injury verdicts ever recorded in Jefferson County, Colorado. Scott Martin and four of his children are shown together in this pre-injury photo (Trial Exhibit 21), and are very thankful.

