



## **The Cartwright Law Firm (San Francisco, CA): Personal Injury Firm Settles \$555,000 Wrongful Death Lawsuit with City of San Francisco (89-year old Decedent)**

*The Cartwright Law Firm, one of the premier personal injury law firms in California, recently settled a wrongful death lawsuit against the City of San Francisco for \$555,000 on behalf of the family of a 89-year old man who was killed after being run-over by a MUNI bus in San Francisco after his coat became stuck in the in the rear doors as he exited the bus. "This was a tragic and gruesome accident that could have and should have been avoided with proper attention and ordinary care being used by the bus operator," said Matthew J. Quinlan, a partner at The Cartwright Law Firm.*

San Francisco, CA ([PRWEB](#)) August 12, 2008 -- The Cartwright Law Firm recently settled a wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of the family of an 89-year old man who was killed after being run-over by a MUNI bus in San Francisco after his coat became stuck in the in the rear doors as he exited the bus. The driver was allegedly not paying attention when he closed the doors and drove away. The man died from his injuries after spending 10 days in the hospital. The Cartwright Law Firm represented the man's two adult daughters (ages 60 and 61) in a lawsuit against the City of San Francisco. The City waived its claim for the associated medical bills, as he was seen at SF General Hospital. After a two month negotiation, the case was settled for \$555,000. The case was filed in San Francisco Superior Court (case # 468-840).

"I have seen many wrongful death cases against governmental agencies in my 25+ years of practice, but this one was especially difficult to resolve considering the age of the decedent (89) and the fact that he lived alone, was not a wage-earner and did not provide financial support to his daughters," said Robert E. Cartwright, Jr. (pictured - right), the founding partner of The Cartwright Law Firm and former president of the Consumer Attorneys of California. According to Matthew Quinlan (pictured - left), a partner at The Cartwright Law firm and the attorney who negotiated the settlement with the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, "(c)oming to an agreement on value was particularly trying because all of the typical value-markers were not present in this case." "The fact that our legal system does not allow us to make a claim for pain and suffering on behalf of the decedent in a wrongful death case coupled with the fact there was no lost income or financial support made agreeing on a dollar figure extremely difficult." "We were solely left negotiating a value for the loss of the relationship our clients had with their elderly father," added Matthew Quinlan.

The Cartwright Law Firm is a San Francisco-based personal injury law firm that has served families of Northern California for over 50 years. The Cartwright Law Firm focuses much of its resources on wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases and has built a national reputation as a tough, aggressive trial firm capable of receiving unprecedented settlements and verdicts. In addition to Cartwright and Quinlan, The Cartwright Law Firm currently has several other talented attorneys that work as Associates or Of Counsel. The Firm also employs an experienced team of paralegals, para-professionals and administrative staff persons. More information on The Cartwright Law Firm can be found at <http://www.cartwrightlaw.com>.



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