



## Jury Awards \$2.75 Million to Injured Couple in Dram Shop Case

**R**iley v. Keenan and State Farm Ins. Co.: A Camden County jury awarded \$2.75 million to a couple injured when their car was hit by a drunken driver.

John Keenan had patronized two bars on Aug. 31, 2001, before crossing a yellow line on Route 40 in Salem County, striking Laurie and Greg Riley's car head-on. Keenan, of Elmer, had a blood alcohol level of .178 percent.

Greg Riley suffered back injuries and Laurie Riley suffered a broken

back and pelvis and knee injuries, underwent skin grafts and is disabled, says the Delaware couple's lawyer, **Richard Grungo Jr.** of Archer & Greiner in Haddonfield.

Superior Court Judge **Irvin Snyder** presided at trial. The jury found Keenan 55 percent liable and the two bars, Naylor's Liquors in Berlin and Farrell's in Pittsgrove, each 22.5 percent responsible.

The defense lawyers were **Brian McNulty** of Sweeney & Sheehan in Westmont for Keenan; **L. Patrick**



**Richard Grungo Jr.**

**Dacey** of Bolan Jahnsen & Reardon in Shrewsbury for Farrell's; and **Barbara Davis** of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin in Cherry Hill for Naylor's Liquors. None could be reached for comment.

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