

Jerry Maschka, Jack Riedy, Chuck Ries and Marc Christianson were all named **Super Lawyers** in 2008.

For the 15th consecutive year, Jerry Maschka was named to **Best Lawyers in America**.

Jerry Maschka recently settled a personal injury case. The client was rear-ended while sitting at a stoplight and sustained orthopedic injuries as well as reoccurring headaches.

Settlement: \$40,000

Renee Rubish recently settled a personal injury case. A woman in her thirties was in a car accident, which resulted in orthopedic injuries and leg numbness.

Settlement: \$50,000

Jerry Maschka has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota.

Jack Riedy resolved a personal injury case. The client was hit by a semi when it failed to stop and sustained non-surgical orthopedic back injuries.

Settlement: \$200,000

A personal injury client represented by **Jerry Maschka** was recently awarded a settlement of \$70,000. The client suffered a slip and fall, which resulted in a torn rotator cuff.



Complex case? Ask us to lead.

Complex Civil Litigation

The work of this firm focuses on cases that require complex civil litigation or mediation. Our team of 10 lawyers and 16 support staff work for clients who have suffered personal injury, wrongful death or loss in a construction dispute or other civil issue. Our firm's full legal resources are a formidable force for balance and justice when a wrong has been suffered.

Compassionate Client Service

People and the healthy continuation of their lives are the reason for our work. Jarred by an unexpected event, our clients deserve the compassion, respect, clear communication and direction we provide. We are united in our commitment to help them navigate troubled times and resolve issues so life can be resumed with self-respect intact.

Professional Achievement

Together, our attorneys bring 218 years of legal experience to client cases. This depth of experience, specialized knowledge and a collaborative approach produce consistently successful client outcomes. Partner Jerry Maschka is among Minnesota's "Top 40 Personal Injury Lawyers" (MN Law & Politics), and for the 15th consecutive year is counted among Best Lawyers in America, a Best Lawyers® referral guide respected for string ent peer-review selection.

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Million Dollar Settlement in Missouri Case

Driving south to attend a funeral in Arkansas, a Minnesota couple was hit head-on when a northbound van crossed the median of a four-lane highway in Missouri. Our client (the wife of the couple from Minnesota) escaped

with her life but suffered severe closed head injuries and a broken femur. Her husband was killed in the accident. Both the driver and passenger of the van were also killed.



Complex Issues

The survivor came to Maschka, Riedy & Ries on the advice of her daughter, who'd seen the firm interact with clients while working in a regional medical center.

The situation was both serious and complex. Why the northbound van had veered out of control was unclear; its insurance company initially asserted that the collision was an accident and caused by an unknown medical event since eyewitnesses saw little or no reason for the van to change course. Our client had no recall of the accident because of a head injury, and management of the case was complicated by the fact that the collision had taken place in Missouri.

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Missouri Collision Presents Need for Effective Collaboration

Cooperative Working Relationships

To aid our client, Jerry Maschka associated with Missouri counsel. Maschka was admitted to the Missouri Bar to provide representation in this case. With the assistance of local counsel who was familiar with the nuances of Missouri law, Maschka and paralegal Alicia More assembled materials to establish negligence on the driver of the van.



Resolution

MRR's research revealed that the driver of the van had been directed to cease driving due to persistent health issues. An economist was engaged to

assess the client's economic loss and materials assembled to support that the client's marriage was characterized by a long and close relationship. Ultimately, the matter was resolved at a mediation in Missouri with the insurer for the van paying the full policy limit of \$1 million which was then allocated \$800,000 to the wrongful death claim and \$200,000 to the personal injury.

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Professional mediation is a powerful tool for resolution of legal and personal issues. With the help of a neutral facilitator, points of view are shared and common ground is sought. Clients have the satisfaction of creating their own solutions and can more easily move on.

MRR: Partnering with outside attorneys

Complex problem?
We litigate, mediate.

If your client is faced with a personal injury case that requires mediation or complex litigation, we are ready to assist. As partners, we respectfully, purposefully move your client from crisis to justice and resolution. Call Jerry Maschka to discuss specific case details and client needs.
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Victims of I-35 Bridge Collapse Receive Pro Bono Assistance

MRR Lawyers Help Victims of I-35 Bridge Collapse

Lawyers Jerry Maschka, Renee Rubish, and Nick Maxwell along with paralegals Alicia More and Shannon Niemeier, joined a consortium of Minnesota law firms who stepped forward after the I-35 bridge collapse to represent victims of the tragedy. When the bridge failed on August 1, 2007, 13 people were killed and 145 were injured. Because of immunity defenses available to the State of Minnesota, there was little or nothing available to compensate these victims.

Efforts were directed toward persuading the Legislature to establish a victim's fund. With the assurance of the consortium of lawyers that the victims would be provided representation without charge, the Minnesota Legislature eventually appropriated \$38 million to be allocated among the victims.

Outreach and Compassion

Maschka, Riedy & Ries assumed pro bono representation to 10 people injured in the collapse: nine construction workers and one motorist, all of whom will have their claims presented at individual hearings to be scheduled in the next three months.

"Our clients' injuries are different, but their stories are consistent," says MRR partner Renee Rubish. "All experienced the emotional shock of seeing cars, bridge and people falling. All cope with post-traumatic stress. Many have faced the challenge of going back to work on the new [St. Anthony Falls] bridge."

Senior partner Jerry Maschka says good will flows both ways. "These people needed someone in their corner, and our work filled a void. It's also gratifying for us to use our professional skills for people who wouldn't have been able to get help otherwise."



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