

Attorneys that **FIGHT** for **YOU**

Every client, and every case, is equally important to YJB attorneys. While this edition of the *Yaeger Report* discusses several recent cases that went to trial, it is important to know that regardless of the nature of the injury or size of the potential verdict, Yaeger attorneys are always ready to fight for the client and take a case to trial.

Two examples illustrate this, the first being YJB partner Paula Jossart's **Collins v. IC&E case**, which is



examined in this issue. Recently, Paula took to trial a different case, one where her client was catastrophically burned over most of his body and would never work again. When the defendants refused to make a fair offer to this burn victim, she took the case to trial and her client was awarded

\$12.5 million, one of the highest awards ever in Minnesota. (And, as a result, Paula was named by the *Minnesota Lawyer* as an Attorney of the Year.) In the **Collins v. IC&E case** discussed in this issue, Mr. Collins had made a good (but not complete) recovery. Yet, when the railroad refused to fairly compensate him for his past wage loss and his ongoing symptoms, she was just as willing to take the case to trial as with her catastrophic burn injury case. The result was a verdict of \$165,000, vastly in excess of the railroad's offer.

In another example, YJB partners Mike Weiner and Chris Moreland handled one of the largest reported "bad faith" insurance cases in Minnesota history, recovering millions of dollars for their clients. It took a trial and two trips to the Minnesota Supreme

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Court to ultimately prevail, but these YJB attorneys were willing to undertake the journey because that is what needed to be done.

The cases of two young girls with far less severe injuries also warranted this devotion to their cause. In the girls' case, the school district that caused their facial and dental injuries claimed that it did not have to pay them anything because of an outdated Minnesota statute; these two YJB attorneys, joined in this case by associate attorney Erik Willer, were as willing to do whatever was necessary to recover for these young girls as for the clients in the earlier mentioned multi-million dollar bad faith case. YJB has been to the Minnesota Court of Appeals and Supreme Court twice on these young girls' case. And, once again, the YJB attorneys prevailed; on May 31, 2007, the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled in their favor, proving again that YJB attorneys fight for their clients' rights. 

