

# UNDERWOOD LAW OFFICES



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## Client receives \$500,000 as partial settlement

Underwood Law Offices partially settled with several insurance companies on a personal injury case involving its client, David Esque, for \$500,000.

On July 5, 1998, David Esque was celebrating his birthday at a Huntington-area restaurant located inside a motel chain. His life has never been the same since that night.

The establishment served Mr. Esque liquors and spirits until he became grossly intoxicated, and despite his condition, continued to serve him more alcohol. While in an obviously intoxicated state, Mr. Esque was then asked to leave the premises by employees of the motel in which the bar was located. The premises were negligently designed, constructed, and maintained.

Within a few minutes of leaving the bar and motel, Mr. Esque stumbled and fell down a large embankment adjacent to the motel parking lot. His fall placed him on the edge of U.S. Route 60, where a passing vehicle traveling east struck him, causing permanently debilitating physical and mental injuries. Mr. Esque's injuries will require medical care for the remainder of his life.

Our office proved causation based on the motel overserving Mr. Esque, and its employees forcing Mr. Esque to vacate the premises in an incapacitated state. The insurance companies for the motel chain vehemently denied any liability. Underwood Law Offices wouldn't take no for an answer, and now, a scant three years after his accident, the insurance companies have decided to settle. This settlement will allow Mr. Esque, through his family and health-care providers, to live with the care he desperately deserves.

When Underwood Law Offices says "We will fight for you," we mean it. Never underestimate the power of our determined legal professionals. **Mark, Courtenay, Danny, and Angela** are always ready to assist you with your legal needs.

*"We will fight for you, and we don't take no for an answer!"*