



Lane & Lane's Commitment to Our Community

We are proud to announce a community effort our firm has undertaken to help protect the families in the Chicago area from the dangers of Distracted Driving. We have put together a program for presentation to students, faculty, and families alike that emphasizes the risks of distracted driving, and teaches ways that those risks can, and must, be avoided. We present this program to parent and teachers' organizations, high schools, law schools, and other community groups, and have been gratified by the positive response.

Our program aims to heighten the public's general awareness of safer driving practices. We also provide helpful tips on what people should do if they are involved in an accident and discuss some new, free mobile device technologies, including our [Auto Accident App](#), that will alert early responders, family members, and other designated contacts that an accident has occurred. This technology also includes the specific location and other important information that is pertinent to an accident. We offer this program to your school, faculty, PTA or other community group at no cost.

Read more about Lane & Lane's [Commitment to Our Community](#).

Today's Food For Thought: *"Today I will do what others won't, so that tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't."* --NFL Hall-of-Famer, Jerry Rice

Featured Items

[Released Reports Identify 30 Chicago Archdiocese Priests Named in Sexual Abuse Scandal](#)

Being a victim of sexual abuse is unthinkable for most anyone. Unfortunately, this tragic event happens all too often. Although every case is terrible, it often seems worse when the abuser is someone who the child thinks he can trust, such as a priest.

On January 21, 2014 records were released that show the Chicago Archdiocese tried to conceal sexual abuse incidents that occurred between its priests and children. The documents, which were released online, reveal only 30 of at least 65 priests who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of children, as part of the negotiated terms of the disclosure. This report also showed the efforts made by the Archdiocese to hide these priests' histories of abuse by transferring them from parish to parish. To read the documents released by the Archdiocese regarding each of the 30 named priests and to read more about the reports, see: [Released Reports Identify 30 Chicago Archdiocese Priests Named in Sexual Abuse Scandal](#)

If you or someone you know may have been sexually abused by a member of the clergy or other person in authority, please feel free to [contact us](#) for a confidential consultation.

["Hey Jude": The Music That Changed American Law](#)

On February 7, 2014, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' arrival to America and their truly historical appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show. We all know the musical and cultural influence and social impact that The Beatles had all around the world. But what you might not have realized is that The Beatles also played a significant role in the development of American and British law.

Their exploits were woven into the fabric of our lives, starting in the '60s, and will surely continue to remain there! [This interesting blog post from the IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law heralds the impact that The Beatles have had on both American and British law.](#) It includes a really fun video clip that George Harrison made of "This Song," a song he wrote at least in part as a jab at the record company's litigation against him for allegedly infringing on the copyright for The Chiffons' "He's So Fine" via his hit "My Sweet Lord." Read more about ["Hey Jude": The Music That Changed American Law.](#)

[Chicago Truck Accident Victim Awarded \\$700,000 for Herniated Disc](#)

Our partner Mark A. Brown recently settled a case for a 56-year-old client from northwest Indiana who sustained injuries during a truck collision in August, 2009. She suffered a herniated disc injury while traveling on I-294 near the O'Hare Oasis when the car she was in collided with a semi-truck. The case settled for \$700,000 following a mediation with a former Cook County Circuit judge. Our client was referred to us by a local northwest Indiana law firm.

Read more about [Chicago Truck Accident Victim Awarded \\$700,000 for Herniated Disc](#)

[Record Winnebago County Settlement for Femur Fracture](#)

Partner Scott D. Lane and associate Raymond C. Steadmon recently settled a slip-and-fall case on behalf of a 41-year-old man who fell in a shopping mall parking lot in Winnebago County and sustained a severe leg fracture. The \$525,000 settlement was a record for Winnebago County for the type of injury sustained. They were successful because they were able to establish that the accumulation of ice was an "unnatural" accumulation because the dilapidated condition of the parking lot had allowed the ice to pool.

Unlike many slip-and-fall accidents in Illinois where injured victims are held responsible for their own personal safety and blamed when they are hurt, this particular case is significant because they were able to prove that the plaza owner's negligence failed to protect patron safety from the shallow depressions filled with ice. Read more about [Record Winnebago County Settlement for Femur Fracture.](#)

We're Proud to Be Serving the Needs of Accident Victims Throughout the Greater Chicago Area

Thank you for taking the time to read about what's happening at Lane & Lane this month. We hope that the information in this month's newsletter has been informative and helpful to you. Please feel free to share this information with those you know, or invite them to join our mailing list so they, too, can receive this monthly newsletter. Let us know what you think--we want to hear from you. Feel free to leave us a comment on our website, email our team of attorneys, or call us toll-free to share your questions or suggestions.

Also be sure to check out our free [Auto-Accident App](#) for your smart phone! The app can provide you with a simple guide to help you gather and organize crucial information after an auto accident. You will also receive free Live Operator assistance to help you notify emergency personnel and identify your location if you are in an accident, as well as many other helpful resources. This simple app automatically senses that you have been in an accident, contacts emergency personnel, and can even notify your family or other designees that you have been involved in an accident.

Meet Our Team of Attorneys



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Fred Lane is an author, editor, and senior partner at Lane & Lane who has been practicing law since 1950--not to mention the father of founding and managing partners Scott and Stephen.



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