

CVN's Top 10 Most Impressive Plaintiff Verdicts of 2019

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In 2019 Courtroom View Network's cameras gave members of the public front row seats to high-stakes civil trials throughout the United States. As the only news media outlet dedicated to gavel-to-gavel video coverage of civil trials that matter to the legal community, CVN spent the year filming the country's premier civil trial attorneys in action.

CVN webcast many trials that made national headlines, while also shining a spotlight on trials attorneys care about that otherwise would fall through the cracks in an era of shrinking newsroom budgets. Over the year CVN's cameras were present for

consequential verdicts in everything from major bellwether trials to “everyday” negligence cases ending in high-dollar awards.

These are our picks for the Top 10 Most Impressive Plaintiff Verdicts that CVN covered in 2019. They are not ranked solely by amount awarded. Instead we also took into consideration the facts of the case, the parties and attorneys involved, and the potential broader impact of the verdict.

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Check out our top 10 plaintiff picks from [2018](#), [2017](#), [2016](#) and [2015](#) (all included with a video library subscription), and stay tuned for our list of Top 10 Most Impressive Defense Verdicts for 2019, coming soon!

Happy new year!

#3: Caprio v. Philip Morris and RJ Reynolds

\$157 million Engle tobacco award is the largest of 2019

Plaintiff attorneys: Scott Schlesinger (pictured), Steven Hammer ([Schlesinger Law Offices, PA](#))



Link to video of the full trial:

<https://cvn.com/proceedings/caprio-v-philip-morris-trial-2019-10-15>

Why it made the list:

When it comes to video coverage of the thousands of “Engle progeny” tobacco lawsuits slowly working their way through Florida’s courts, CVN is the news media organization of record. CVN has filmed nearly every Engle case to date since cases began going to trial nearly a decade ago.

The \$157 million awarded in November by a Broward County jury, including \$148 million in punitive damages, is the largest Engle verdict of 2019 and the largest since 2014.

The verdict also stands out for being the first wrongful death tobacco case brought by a same-sex surviving spouse in Florida.

Both plaintiff attorneys are veterans of Engle tobacco trials, but nonetheless their 11-attorney firm is dwarfed by the national defense powerhouses Philip Morris and RJ Reynolds brought in, and their win here earns the number 3 spot on our list.

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