

New York Lawyers at The Pereco Firm Deliver One of New York's Largest Construction Accident Verdicts for 2010

\$2,400,000 settlement, during trial sends clear message to contractors and property owners after construction worker suffers a foot fracture after falling from a metal container.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – The recently released *Verdict Search's Top NY Verdicts of 2010* reports that [New York construction accident lawyer](#) David Pereco secured the one of the largest New York construction accident verdicts of 2010 with his settlement of the Wojciech Zwitek v. New York City School Construction Authority and the City of New York case tried in Kings Supreme Court.

“The \$2,400,000 settlement will reminds contractors and property owners to look carefully at their safety standards and equipment. The goal is to, ultimately, affect change that will benefit thousands of construction workers,” said [New York construction accident lawyer](#) Pereco.

Wojciech Zwitek, a 39 year old union-employed construction worker, was injured after he lost his balance and fell 12 feet to the ground while on the job. As stated, Zwitek fell while passing planks to a co-worker below. Pereco argued that the [construction accident fall](#) stemmed from an elevation-related hazard, improper safeguarding and a lack of proper, safe equipment.

The jury heard how Zwitek sustained a crushing injury of his right foot in the [construction site fall](#). They also heard how he continues to suffer pain in his right foot and heel. Zwitek also claims to suffer a loss of range of motion that affects his ability to stand for long periods of time and prevents his from returning to work.

One of the most dangerous things about construction work is that it must often be done from heights. Because this elevated work is so dangerous, New York State has a special law, Labor Law section 240, which protects [construction workers who fall](#) from heights.

“Employers need to do everything in their power to prevent construction accident falls in New York,” [construction accident lawyer](#) Pereco said. “Providing workers with proper work equipment, like safety harnesses, is necessary to minimize the dangers to workers and to achieve compliance with New York State Labor Law and numerous OSHA and NYCRR regulations.”

Zwitek sought recovery of his past and future medical expenses, his past and future lost earnings, and damages for his past and future pain and suffering.

“Juries have the power to make a significant difference when contractors and property owners don’t do the right thing. It sends a very clear message,” said Perecman, a [New York construction accident lawyer](#) with more than thirty years of experience representing construction workers who were seriously injured in [construction accident falls](#) in New York.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the New York personal injury accident, medical malpractice, auto accident, and construction accident lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have handled all types of cases including falls on construction job sites. David Perecman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict** for an automobile accident, and a and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice****.

*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

** later settled for \$3.5 million

**** total potential payout

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