

THE ADVANTAGE BULLETIN



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ADVANTAGE FORENSICS NEWS

The move to our new office is complete and we have settled into our new workspace at 2770 Dufferin St., Suite 207 in Toronto. We look forward to the next phase of our firm's expansion.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Erin Potma, our expert biomechanist, on receiving her P.Eng. Professional Engineering certification. Erin's thorough methodology and attention to detail are both highly regarded and appreciated among our clients.

Our complimentary 'Lunch and Learn' educational seminars for Winter 2014/15 were a huge success. We are now accepting bookings for Fall 2015. Call now to arrange this free training session for your junior or intermediate staff. A variety of current claims topics are available and lunch is included!!



Our staff at work at the new 2770 Dufferin St. office (left to right: Steven Albert-Green, Dr. Erin Potma, Jason Young).

INDUSTRY NEWS

- Intact Insurance recently purchased Metro General Insurance Corporation Ltd.
- John Seyler recently launched a new adjusting firm, Integrated Insurance Resources Inc.
- In a landmark overturning decision on Moore v. Getahun, the Ontario Court of Appeals ruled unanimously that meetings and correspondence between counsel and expert witnesses prior to issuing reports is allowed and is privileged, not subject to discretionary disclosure.

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IN YOUR OWN WORDS

"I was very impressed with the investigation, your findings, and the report. I appreciate that you were able to accommodate Intact on such short notice. Your findings greatly assisted our insured in dealing with the complaint against their product." Dan O'Neill, Intact Insurance, Toronto

CASE STUDY CORNER*

A male plaintiff suffered a debilitating vertebral fracture after a weld failed on a trampoline he was using, causing a partial collapse of the trampoline frame. The product was subject to a recall. The plaintiff had pre-existing medical conditions and no memory of the incident. Opposing experts were unable to determine whether the plaintiff impacted the frame or the ground or neither.

Advantage Forensics conducted product testing of the trampoline model in question, using a custom scaffold-based drop test apparatus and an instrumented 200 lb deformable weight. Pilot testing confirmed that the test method produced reliable and representative results. The biomechanics of the different impact scenarios in question were then studied.

The accelerometer results showed that only one of the scenarios could have caused the sustained injury. With this information, our client settled the case favorably, avoiding a costly trial. This new biomechanics forensic test method of ours has since been reviewed and published in the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society proceedings.

**All names, dates and identifying details in Case Study Corner have been removed for privacy purposes. All published cases have settled or been decided at trial.*