

Dallas' Standly Hamilton Wins Top Texas Premises Liability Verdict In Past 10 Years

The top Texas premises liability verdict during the past 10 years is the record \$27 million jury award won by the Dallas law firm Standly Hamilton, LLP, against fast food giant McDonald's, according to the publishers of *VerdictSearch*, the firm reported in a release.

Attorney Chris Hamilton of Standly Hamilton represented the families of Denton James Ward, 18, and Lauren Bailey Crisp, 19, in their claims that lax security contributed to the two teenagers' deaths, the firm said in the release. Ward died after being severely beaten by a large group of people who had gathered in the McDonald's parking lot in College Station during the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 2012. Crisp died shortly afterward in a car wreck while a friend attempted to rush her and Ward to the hospital.

"The jurors' award in this case is in line with what they saw in McDonald's complete lack of respect for customer safety," Hamilton said. "While it is professionally gratifying to know that a verdict our firm won is ranked among the largest in Texas, the fact is that no amount of money will ever be able to reunite the victims and their families."

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