

LENAHAN & DEMPSEY WINS \$1,200,000 JURY VERDICT IN MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE CASE



Attorney Joseph Lenahan

A Lackawanna County jury has awarded \$1,200,000 to the family of a man who, while being treated for alcoholism, left the Marworth Treatment Center and was later found dead in the woods near the facility¹. The case was tried by Attorney Joseph P. Lenahan of Lenahan & Dempsey. Attorney Lenahan has been selected to "Best Lawyers In America"[®] and has been named a "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer"[®] as published in Philadelphia Magazine².

Attorney Lenahan convinced the jury that Marworth, its medical director and nursing staff were negligent in the care of his client, a Heating and Air Conditioning repairman. "My client was a severe alcoholic and came to Marworth for help. In the less than 55 hours he spent there he managed to leave the facility several times while suffering from delirium tremors and hallucinations," said Lenahan. "We argued the facility did not meet acceptable standards of care in treating and keeping my client safe and the jury agreed."

During the course of the almost 3 week trial, numerous expert witnesses, including a Marworth witness brought in from Harvard University testified. Lenahan said he has tremendous respect for the jury that heard the case, "This was a highly complex case. The jury was obviously deeply committed to their duty and my client's family and I cannot thank them enough for their dedicated service."

Attorney Lenahan said he is pleased with the \$1,200,000 verdict, "My client was never married and did not have any children. This money will not bring him back, but it will provide some closure to his parents and brothers and sister that their loved one's death may make the facility safer for others struggling with addiction."

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