

Corboy & Demetrio Attorney William Gibbs Honored in "40 Under Forty"

Chicago, IL (October 22, 2009) [Corboy & Demetrio](#), the nationally renowned personal injury law firm, is pleased to announce that attorney [William Gibbs](#) has been named one of the 2009 "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch" by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company, publishers of the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* and *Chicago Lawyer* magazine.

The Selection Committee for this year's list received over 1000 nominations from around the world. The Committee looked for young lawyers who were intelligent, passionate, and hard working, and had scores of successful verdicts, a desire to help the community and a willingness to work hard at their profession. Adam Hrejsa, Chair of the Committee, said that the lawyers selected are "attorneys that clients would feel fortunate to have handling their legal matters."

"Bill is very deserving of this honor," said [Thomas Demetrio](#), named partner at Corboy & Demetrio. "He is hard working, dedicated and passionate about his work and as a result, has been quite successful in securing excellent settlements and verdicts for his clients. But he is also very dedicated to the community and his family. We are proud of him and all he has accomplished."

At the Corboy & Demetrio law firm, Bill concentrates his practice on cases arising from aviation negligence, automobile collisions, construction negligence, medical negligence, premises liability, product liability, and railroad negligence. He has obtained several record-setting and multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients. Recently, with Demetrio and partner Daniel Kotin, he helped obtain a \$29.6 million verdict on behalf of a woman who was seriously injured in the derailment of a Metra train. The verdict is the largest in Illinois for an individual injured in a mass transit crash. In a Federal District Court case, he obtained a \$6.6 million verdict for a family injured in an automobile collision. It was the largest verdict ever in that Court.

He is a member of numerous legal organizations including the American Association for Justice, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, the Chicago Bar Association and the Notre Dame Law Association. Bill recently authored an article, "A Quick Guide to the Illinois Dead Man's Act," which was published in the Illinois Bar Journal, a publication of the Illinois State Bar Association. In January, 2009, he was designated an *Illinois Super Lawyer, Rising Star*.

Active in many community organizations, Bill is co-chair of "St. Clement Dads," a group that volunteers throughout the community and provides activities for parents and their children. Through the St. Clement Legal Aid Clinic, Our Lady of Mercy Legal Clinic and Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, he provides pro bono legal assistance to individuals who are unable to afford private counsel.

Bill received his law degree from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law, his M.A. from the University of Portland, and his B.A., from Notre Dame University. He was a high school computer science teacher and varsity football, basketball, and baseball coach prior to his legal career.