

Beth Baldinger Sees \$10M Settlement Creating an Incentive to Reform Police Practices

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In the months after Beth Baldinger of Mazie Slater Katz & Freeman obtained a \$10 million settlement in a police excessive force suit, her client has been busy preparing to move out of the nursing home where he has lived for the past eight years. For Xavier Ingram, winning his suit against the Camden County Police Department means he can buy his own home, have it refurbished to meet his needs, and start a new life.

Baldinger's suit claimed Ingram, then 20, was rendered quadriplegic after a police officer stepped on his neck when he was arrested in a "sweep" of his Camden neighborhood. Along with co-counsel Trevor Dickson and Corey Rothbort of her firm, Baldinger obtained the settlement after a two-week trial in U.S. District Court ended in a mistrial.

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