

# Wigdor LLP Clients Granted \$1.2 Million In Damages After Violent Attack By Former NRL Star Matthew Lodge

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A New York Judge has granted Wigdor LLP's Motion for Default Judgement against former NRL player Matthew Lodge, awarding the Firm's clients Joseph Cartright, Ruth Fowler, and Carolyn Dekeyser over \$1.2 million in damages.

Wigdor LLP filed a lawsuit on behalf of Mr. Cartright, Ms. Fowler and Ms. Dekeyser in December 2015, seeking to hold Defendant Lodge liable for his outrageous and violent behavior that left one all three scarred, both physically and psychologically. In October 2014, after following two girls back to their Upper West Side apartment building, Lodge forcibly entered the lobby of the building and went on a violent rampage, attacking resident Mr. Cartright, and terrifying Mr. Cartright's wife, Ms. Fowler, and the couple's nine-year-old son. The victims suffered severe physical injuries and emotional distress in the aftermath of the callous attack.

The Court's order was welcomed by Wigdor LLP and their clients, who were left disappointed earlier this year when a New York Judge ruled that Lodge would not have to return to jail for the attack, but could instead complete 200 hours of community service.

Statement by Renan Varghese and Jeanne Christensen, of Wigdor LLP:

"We are extremely pleased that the Court has recognized the substantial harm that the Defendant, Matthew Lodge, caused our clients through his violent and reckless conduct. Mr. Lodge's behavior has caused our clients lasting damage but this is the first step in allowing them to recover and gain some measure of justice."

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