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### Stripper verdict

A recent editorial criticized 12 jurors for awarding damages to a lady who broke her back in a wreck. The defendant was a bar that employed the lady as a "stripper." Per the editorial, "strippers" apparently don't deserve damages. Let's examine the facts.

State laws require bars to stop selling alcohol to people who already are intoxicated. This public policy makes sense. Making more money is outweighed by the obvious dangers. This bar encouraged employees to generate corporate revenues through "dancer drinks" which got the lady drunk. Policies that encourage drunken employees simply to make more money for rich investors are dangerous.

"Conflicting testimony" existed over whether the bar confiscated the car keys of this employee who was following company policy to get drunk for the boss's bottom line. The fact such a safety policy existed proves the bar knew employees were going to get drunk and didn't need to be driving home. The "conflicting testimony" proved the bar's witnesses were liars.

So, a defendant that purposefully intoxicates its employees to make more money, violates numerous safety policies by allowing and encouraging employees to drive drunk, and lies about its conduct to avoid responsibility, now has to pay money to help cover the cost of hospital bills for the horribly injured woman. I would rather the bar's insurance company pay for the consequences of these dangerous company policies. In that way, you and I don't have to. For more information, see <http://www.notanaccident.com/thetruth>

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