

Madison County Jury Awards \$100,000 in Uninsured Motorist Trial Against State Farm

A Madison County jury returned a \$100,000 verdict on August 4 in favor of a client of Garnett Patterson Injury Lawyers, following a two-day civil trial in an uninsured motorist case against State Farm Insurance.



Huntsville, Alabama Aug 8, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The client was struck by an impaired driver and has lived with chronic pain in the years since the collision. Because the at-fault driver lacked adequate liability coverage, she was left to pursue the claim through her own underinsured motorist policy — a process that required her to litigate against her own insurance carrier when her claim was denied.

The case was tried by attorney Hunter Garnett alongside Gentry Patterson, a rising third-year student at the University of Alabama School of Law who clerks for the firm. Appearing under a third-year practice card, which permits supervised law students to represent clients in Alabama courts, Patterson delivered the opening statement, conducted direct examination for half of the plaintiff's witnesses, and delivered the closing argument. Trial began August 3 and the jury returned its verdict the following afternoon.

Attorney Garnett released the following statement:

"Our client did everything right. She carried uninsured motorist coverage precisely so that she would be protected if someone like this hit her. When that day came, she still had to try her case to a jury to be made whole. That is the reality far too many injured Alabamians face. We are grateful to this jury for listening carefully and for recognizing what chronic pain has taken from her."

Garnett also praised the work of the firm's law clerk:

"Gentry stood up in front of a Madison County jury and did the job. Our client was told from the start that Gentry would be handling a substantial part of her trial, and she gave her blessing. She was right to. If this is the next generation of Alabama trial lawyers, our clients are in good hands."

Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage protects drivers when the at-fault party carries no insurance or too little of it to cover the harm caused. Injured drivers are often surprised to learn that recovering under their own policy can require the same litigation as a claim against the driver who hit them.

About Garnett Patterson Injury Lawyers:

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If you or someone you love has been injured by an uninsured or underinsured driver, we encourage you to reach out. Justice begins with a conversation. Contact Garnett Patterson Injury Lawyers today at <https://gpinjurylaw.com/contact-us/> to learn how we can help.



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