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In cases involving warrants and entries into apartments and homes, if we can show that the warrant was based on bad information, that the police acted wrongly in obtaining the warrant, and in essence, make the entry into the home illegal, the damages can be very significant. Because in our experience, families suffer enormous trauma when in the middle of the night while sleeping with no warning and no justification, the door is blown off the apartment and the police invade aggressively, violently, with screaming, with guns, throwing people up against the wall, other violent acts to secure things and secure them quickly and in an aggressive manner. Physical injury results, often very serious physical injury, psychological harm results. People don't feel safe in their home. They're filled with anxiety and dread and a sense of trauma. The damages can be quite significant because all of that can be recovered. All of it can be recovered, if we can show that the police acted wrongly and that the warrant was not legitimate.