



## Biggest court awards and settlements

The list of largest local court awards is a selection taken from *Crain's* research and annual lists published by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*. Some larger awards may have been reversed and were not included.

### 15. \$6.8 million

In February 2002, **Merkur Steel Supply Inc.** won a verdict against the city of Detroit in Wayne County Circuit Court. The city prevented the company from using all of the property it was leasing for more than 10 years. Appeals were unsuccessful, and Detroit paid more than \$9.1 million with interest last year, said Dearborn attorney Mark Demorest.

### 17. \$4 million

**Steel Associates** and its subsidiary, **City Steel Processing Co.**, won a verdict in Wayne County Circuit Court against the city of Detroit in November 2003. The city was accused of interfering with the steel company's business by designating its property near City Airport for taking to expand runways, then failing to follow through. Detroit's appeal is pending.