

TRIAL EXPERIENCE OF PETER E. SPERLING, ESQ.

Reid v. Gustafson, No. 88-12704, 22nd Judicial District Court. Successfully defended a general dentist in dental malpractice jury trial involving permanent injury to lingual nerve. (Jury trial, April, 1991. Result: Defense verdict).

Williams v. Belleci, No. 92-CA-224, Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal. Successfully defended emergency room physician in case involving alleged misinterpretation of diagnostic study. (Bench Trial, 1991. Result: Defense verdict).

Nehrenz v. Dunn, No. 86-16352, Civil District Court (Orleans Parish). Successfully defended specialist in occupational medicine in medical malpractice and defamation claim involving alleged improper termination of employment based upon drug testing. (Jury trial, November, 1993. Result: Defense verdict).

Barcelona v. Carter, No. 410-833, 24th Judicial District Court. Successfully defended general surgeon in claim involving alleged failure to diagnose appendicitis. (Jury trial, November, 1993. Result: Defense verdict).

Nsiah v. Jones, No. 409-583, 24th Judicial District Court. Successfully defended OB/GYN specialist in claim involving unnecessary hysterectomy. (Jury trial, December, 1993. Result: Defense verdict).

Stewart v. Cohen, No. 88-13642, Civil District Court (Orleans Parish). Successfully defended OB/GYN specialist in claim involving failure to perform C-section resulting in shoulder dystocia. (Jury trial, April, 1994. Result: Defense verdict).

Winn v. O'Meallie, No. 89-19290, Civil District Court (Orleans Parish). Successfully defended cardiologist in informed consent claim involving patient who suffered blindness following cerebral angiogram. (Jury trial, May, 1995. Result: Defense verdict).

Giammanchere v. Ernst, No. 91-5327, Civil District Court (Orleans Parish). Successfully defended cardiologist in claim involving alleged failure to diagnose hip fracture. Medical review panel ruled unanimously in favor of plaintiffs. (Jury trial, April-May, 1996. Result: Defense verdict).

Batson v. MedForce, No. 101,385, 32nd Judicial District Court. Six week jury trial in Terrebonne Parish involving massive injuries to patient, including brain damage, quadriplegia, and permanent scarring following extended admission at state facility. (Jury trial, July-August, 1996. Result: High-Low Settlement Agreement reached during jury deliberation. Jury verdict well below low end of the high-low agreement.)

Bridges v. Judice, No. 110-015, 32nd Judicial District Court. Successfully defended neurosurgeon in claim involving quadriplegia as a result of alleged failure to timely diagnose and treat spinal cord injury. (Jury trial, November, 1996. Result: Defense verdict).

Aultman v. Coulon, No. 92-13232, 22nd Judicial District Court. Successfully defended emergency room physician in claim involving failure to properly treat thumb injury which resulted in amputation of thumb on dominant hand. (Jury trial, December, 1996. Result: Defense verdict).

Fitzgerald v. Hurwitz, No. 64-725, 34th Judicial District Court. Successfully defended radiologist in claim involving complications following carotid angiogram. (Jury trial, August, 1997. Result: Defense verdict).

Lawson v. New Orleans Eye Center, No. 92-14672, Civil District Court (Orleans Parish). Six week jury trial in Orleans Parish involving sexual harassment and hostile work environment claims by three former employees against Clinic. (Jury Trial, November-December, 1997. Result: Defense verdict).

Gray v. Mathew, No. 34931, 40th Judicial District Court. Successfully defended pediatrician in claim involving death of a six-week old child for alleged failure to diagnose pneumonia and/or respiratory distress. (Jury Trial, December, 1998. Result: Defense verdict).

Stonecypher v. Duvigneaud, No. 542-170, 24th Judicial District Court. Successfully defended oral surgeon in malpractice/informed consent claim based upon complications following third molar extraction. (Jury trial, April, 2000. Result: Defense Verdict).

Stafford v. DeVoe, No. 99-0374, United States District Court, E.D., La. Successfully defended pediatrician in malpractice claim involving brain damaged child. (Jury trial, November, 2000. Result: Defense verdict).

Breland v. Gomez, No. 2000-10313, 22nd Judicial District Court. Successfully defended cardiologist in claim involving failure to properly handle emergency case involving prior bypass surgery. (Bench trial, January, 2002. Result: Defense verdict).

Hoffmann v. O'Connell, No. 99-08460, Civil District Court (Orleans Parish). Successfully defended bariatric surgeon in claim involving post-operative death following gastric bypass surgery. (Jury trial, November, 2002. Result: Defense verdict).

Medine v. Roniger, No. 452-272, 24th Judicial District Court. Successfully defended psychiatrist in malpractice claim involving suicide of patient who overdosed on anti-psychotic medications. (Jury trial, April, 2003. Result: Defense verdict).

Walker v. Corsetti, No. 560-114, 24th Judicial District Court. Successfully defended general surgeon in claim involving common bile duct injury following laparoscopic cholecystectomy. (Jury trial, September, 2003. Result: Defense verdict).

Jones v. Febry & Andry, No. 2001-1663, Civil District Court (Orleans Parish). Successfully defended internist and gastroenterologist in claim involving alleged improper management of anti-hypertensive medications in psychiatric patient who died suddenly. (Bench trial, November, 2003. Result: Defense verdict for both physicians)

Dutton v. O'Connell, No. 537-376, 24th Judicial District Court. Successfully defended bariatric surgeon in claim involving post-operative death following gastric bypass surgery. Claim involved alleged improper management of fluid levels. (Jury trial, June, 2004. Result: Defense verdict).

Guy v. Bourgeois, No. 595-015, 24th Judicial District Court. Successfully defended general surgeon in claim involving perforated bowel during laparoscopic surgery resulting in sepsis. (Jury trial, June, 2005. Result: Defense verdict).

Kraemer v. Jones, No. 566-516, 24th Judicial District Court. Successfully defended specialist in internal medicine in claim involving failure to timely diagnose ovarian cancer resulting in death. (Jury trial, July 2005. Result: Defense verdict).

Scanlon v. Julka, No. 594-183, 24th Judicial District Court. Successfully defended nephrologist in claim involving failure to timely diagnose perforated ulcer. Claim involved failure to refer to gastroenterologist and failure to perform proper diagnostic studies. (Jury trial, July, 2006. Result: Defense verdict).

Campbell v. Tulane University Hospital & Clinic, No. 01-3676, Civil District Court (Orleans Parish). Successfully defended hospital in slip and fall cases brought by a husband and wife, visitors who fell and underwent back surgeries. (Jury trial, November, 2006. Result: Defense verdict).

Thurmond v. Memorial Medical Center, No. 03-17008, Civil District Court (Orleans Parish). Successfully defended hospital in claim involving a ruptured breast implant following mammogram. (Bench trial, September 2007. Result: Defense verdict).

Brumfield v. HealthSouth Surgi-Center of Baton Rouge, No. 528,934, 19th Judicial District Court. Successfully defended ambulatory surgery center in claim involving complications from axillary nerve block. (Jury trial, October 2007. Result: Defense verdict).