

HIGHEST REPORTED KANE COUNTY AWARD

\$6,000,000

FOR PARAPLEGIA

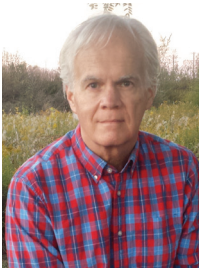
Back Pain Leads to Paraplegia

SETTLEMENT
\$6,000,000

Commencing on June 5, 2010, plaintiff was seen repeatedly by defendants due to her complaints of progressively worsening mid-back pain. After several E/R visits, she was sent to a nursing home for “pain control and rehabilitation.” No spinal imaging was done until over a month later—by which time neurological deficits had emerged, and it was too late to reverse the paraplegia that resulted from the plaintiff’s untreated thoracic epidural abscess.



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CASE REPORT

JR JURY VERDICT
REPORTER

PAULA EDWARD V. UNDISCLOSED DEFENDANTS

SETTLEMENT \$6,000,000 (IL, Kane 16th Jud Cir)

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Commencing on June 5, 2010, pltf F-58 repeatedly was seen by depts due to progressively worsening mid-back pain. After several E/R visits, pltf was sent to a nursing home for "pain control and rehabilitation." No spinal imaging was done until July 20, by which time neurological deficits had emerged, including leg numbness and the inability to void. It was too late to reverse the paraplegia that resulted from pltf's untreated thoracic epidural abscess (\$641,592 past medl. expense; \$256,496 past LT as a quality control inspector). Pltf is unable to return to work. Paid by undisclosed depts: \$2.2 million by self-insured suburban hospital; \$2.8 million by a self-insured suburban clinic; \$1 million by the insurer for a nursing home rounder physician, who was an agent of the clinic. This is the highest Kane County paraplegia award that we have reported to date.

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