

RUSSELL SKELTON AND DOUGLAS CULLINS OBTAIN UNANIMOUS DEFENSE VERDICT IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASE AFTER 8-DAY JURY TRIAL

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Beckett v. Crandall – Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, PLC is pleased to announce that

[Russell Skelton](#) and [Douglas Cullins](#) obtained a unanimous defense verdict for a medical malpractice case. This case involved allegations of medical malpractice arising from a spinal reconstruction procedure. The complex surgery was successful and completed without complication. However, Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants were negligent in failing to diagnose a post-procedure infection. Defendants maintained the infection developed in the days following Plaintiff's discharge from the hospital. Plaintiffs claimed pain and suffering, loss of consortium, lost wages and loss of enjoyment of life as well as medical bills and expenses in excess of \$3,000,000. The case was tried in Maricopa County Superior Court before the Honorable Lori Bustamante. After an eight day trial, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict on November 17, 2016.

[Russ Skelton](#) concentrates his practice on medical malpractice and workers' compensation defense. He is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel, the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel and the Arizona Compensation Defense Counsel.

[Doug Cullins](#) practices in the areas of medical malpractice, nursing home and pharmacy defense, and commercial litigation. He received his J.D. from Texas Tech University in 2003, and his B.A., *cum laude*, from Arizona State University in 1999.