

STEVE BULLINGTON AND CORY TYSZKA OBTAIN DEFENSE VERDICT AFTER SIX-DAY JURY TRIAL IN NERVE INJURY CASE

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Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, PLC is pleased to announce that partner [Steve Bullington](#) and associate attorney [Cory Tyszka](#) obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case. This case involved allegations of medical malpractice arising from a hand laceration caused by a broken light bulb, resulting in nerve injuries to the plaintiff's dominant thumb.

The plaintiff alleged that the physician assistant defendants were negligent for failing to properly assess the wound, failing to properly evaluate and appreciate the severity of the plaintiff's complaints of decreased sensation to the thumb, and failing to timely refer the plaintiff to a higher level of care for surgical intervention. The defendants maintained that they met the applicable standard of care in all respects, and that there was insufficient evidence that the plaintiff would have had a materially better outcome with earlier intervention.

The plaintiff claimed \$1 million in damages due to permanent loss of function and sensation of her dominant thumb, disfigurement, and pain and suffering. The case was tried in Maricopa County Superior Court before the Honorable Christopher Coury. After a six-day trial, the jury returned a defense verdict on October 12, 2021.



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