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**Improper Delivery Maneuvers During Birth Results in Permanent Erb's Palsy for Infant**

**Lake Success, April 2022...** The New York medical malpractice/personal injury law firm of [Pegalis Law Group, LLC](#) announces that it has secured a substantial settlement for an infant boy who sustained a left-sided Erb's palsy during his birth. The attorneys claimed that the decisions made by healthcare providers to allow a vaginal delivery, as well as the obstetrician's improper delivery maneuvers during the birth, were clear departures from good and accepted medical care.

The child's mother received regular prenatal care for her pregnancy in 2014. Based on the prenatal sonograms, the medical providers should have known that this large baby would not safely pass through the birth canal. Nevertheless, the decision was made to proceed with a vaginal delivery. The patient went to the hospital on two separate occasions in the week prior to the birth admission, with complaints of pain. She also called the hospital on the evening before her delivery to complain about her painful contractions. She was urged to stay home until the contractions were very close together. When she later arrived at the hospital to commence with the birth, the baby's head could be seen protruding from the mother.

A physician's assistant noted the infant's large abdominal size and shared that information with the delivering doctor (obstetrician). The doctor should have been prepared for the strong possibility of the infant's shoulders to become trapped behind the bones of the birth canal during a vaginal birth. Furthermore, once the foreseeable trapping of the shoulders occurred, it was imperative that the doctor avoid excessive traction and flexion of the fetal head—yet that is exactly what occurred. The doctor moved the baby's head in a manner that created the excessive traction forces to the nerves of the brachial plexus, thereby permanently injuring those nerves and affecting the left arm and shoulder of the infant.

After the baby was delivered, he was transferred to the special care nursery where he was noted to have a left arm palsy and bruising on the left side of his body. The family was told that this happens with large babies in these types of deliveries and that it typically resolves over time. While the baby showed some improvement over time, the degree of improvement was limited.

Now seven years old, this young boy cannot move his arm across his body; he is unable to feed himself, dress himself or engage in personal hygiene. As a result, he requires therapies and may require surgeries in the future. In addition, this condition has and will continue to adversely impact his daily functions and abilities, as well as have a negative impact on his future employment prospects. Pegalis Law Group was able to secure a settlement of over \$750,000 for the plaintiff.

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