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Another Plaintiff's Verdict – Inter-Operative Urology Consultant Failed to Properly Treat Injured Ureter

Lake Success, January, 2024. The Pegalis Law Group, LLC, is pleased to announce that trial lawyer Robert Fallarino has recently obtained a unanimous jury verdict in favor of one of our clients in Brooklyn, New York. The case involved a urologist's failure to diagnose and treat a serious inter-operative injury to our client's urinary tract. During surgery – a hysterectomy – the patient's gynecologic surgeon became concerned that he had caused a "burn" injury to the patient's right ureter with one of the surgical instruments. He called in a consultant, the defendant urologist, to evaluate the injury and establish a treatment plan. The urologist came to the operating room, quickly inserted a catheter into the ureter, and then left. The surgeon saw that something still did not look right and he called the urologist to come back and investigate further. The defendant urologist, however, chose not to return and thus did not view the injury himself. Rather, he decided that the potential injury could be treated "conservatively." This meant just placing a catheter or a stent into the ureter but not repairing the damage to the ureter itself. He did not repair and re-implant the ureter in into the patient's bladder, which is what was needed.

At trial, the defendant urologist claimed that he did not need to come back to investigate the nature of the injury and that he "felt" that the injury would just resolve without the needed repair. Mr. Fallarino (who was named the 2023 "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers® for Plaintiffs Medical Malpractice on Long Island, NY) demonstrated, through the medical records, expert testimony, and concessions by the defendant doctor on the witness stand, however, that the defendant was negligent in failing to identify the nature of the injury or properly treat it and that had he timely repaired the damaged ureter the patient's severe injuries would have been avoided or minimized.

After the jury verdict, the client sent a note to Fallarino, noting that the "reality just set in" and thanking him "for working tirelessly" and for the "effort and care you've put into making this happen."

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