

Deane & Lavoie Win Directed Verdict in Medical Malpractice Case

Devin Deane and Mark Lavoie successfully defended a local hospital and surgeon against a claim of medical malpractice resulting in significant injuries. The case involved complicated issues of pathology and infectious diseases and was vigorously defended in the two-week jury trial in York County Superior Court. The surgeon and the hospital were confident in their care for the patient, which was supported by internationally recognized experts who testified in support of their care at trial. At the close of the plaintiff's case-in-chief, the defense moved for judgment as a matter of law arguing that plaintiff's counsel had not presented enough evidence to prove plaintiff's case—even without the surgeon and hospital putting on their full defense. The Court agreed and entered judgment in the surgeon's and hospital's favor.