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Barrett DeAngelo, LLC has secured what is believed to be the first medical malpractice jury verdict in Philadelphia County since the resumption of jury trials began in March 2021. On June 4, 2021, in the matter of Asia Woodall, Administratrix of the Estate of Michael Woodall, Dcd. v. Sagine Bien-Aime, CRNP, et al., a unanimous jury verdict was returned in the amount of \$1,431,000. This vigorously contested medical malpractice case involved the death of Michael Woodall in May of 2016. Mr. Woodall's wife, Asia Woodall, contended that Mr. Woodall's untimely death was caused by the negligence of his primary care Nurse Practitioner, Sagine Bien-Aime in failing to properly treat uncontrolled hyperthyroidism over a period of 6 months. Specifically, plaintiff argued that CRNP Bien-Aime was in possession of laboratory results that indicated severe hyperthyroidism and that the nurse practitioner failed to properly identify the results and act upon them, leading to Mr. Woodall's death. There was no pre-trial offer of settlement and the defense contended that CRNP Bien-Aime bore no responsibility for Mr. Woodall's death. In addition, the defense argued that Mr. Woodall was negligent in causing his own death. The jury's verdict did not find any fault on the part of Mr. Woodall.

This complex medical malpractice case was tried by a team of attorneys at Barrett DeAngelo, which included Founding Partners Michael Barrett, Esq. and Joe DeAngelo, RN, Esq., as well as Terry DeAngelo, RN, Esq. and Michael Mongeluzzi, Esq.

"This tragedy devastated the Woodall family. Asia and Michael had beaten the odds their whole lives and Michael was a great father to his children. This verdict goes a long way for Asia in honoring the memory of her husband and their young children. We are pleased with the jury's verdict." said Mr. Barrett.

In March of 2020, the Philadelphia Court system suspended jury trials due to the Covid pandemic. Jury trials were permitted to resume in March of 2021 and this is believed to be the first medical malpractice verdict since the resumption of jury trials.

"Frankly, one of the concerns that many trial attorneys have had, particularly those who specialize in medical negligence cases like we do, is how juries will respond to cases brought against healthcare professionals who have served on the front lines of the response to the Covid pandemic. This jury was attentive and engaged in hearing the evidence throughout the course of this complex two-week trial. The result here is a testament to the service of the jury." said Mr. DeAngelo.

Barrett DeAngelo, LLC, is a boutique law firm specializing in medical malpractice and other catastrophic injury matters.

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