



Frank Allen Secures \$850,000 Verdict for Surgical Error

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A Camden County, N.J., jury today awarded \$750,000 to a Cinnaminson woman, finding that a surgeon's negligence during a routine operation caused the woman's left kidney to be damaged and ultimately removed.

The jury also awarded \$100,000 to the woman's husband for loss of consortium.

Elissa Aleksiejczyk underwent intestinal surgery in October 2007 to treat chronic diverticulitis. After the operation, Ms. Aleksiejczyk suffered swelling of her left kidney, found to be due to constriction of her left ureter, a tube that connects the kidney to the bladder. Following numerous procedures to try to save the kidney over the next several months, the kidney was removed approximately six months after the operation.

Ms. Aleksiejczyk's attorney, **Frank D. Allen** of Archer P.C. in Haddonfield, N.J., presented evidence that the ureter constriction resulted from surgical staples improperly placed by the surgeon in deviation from the standard of care for the procedure.

The jury trial before the Honorable Lee A. Solomon, Judge of the New Jersey Superior Court in Camden, lasted seven days over the course of two weeks. The panel deliberated for approximately two hours before rendering a unanimous verdict for the plaintiffs, Ms. Aleksiejczyk and her husband, Joseph.

Mr. Allen is Chair of Archer's Medical & Personal Injury Services Practice. He specializes in jury trials, representing individuals who have suffered death or serious injuries from medical and drug errors, defective products and crashes of trucks, boats, cars and aircraft. Mr. Allen has received the Professional Lawyer of the Year Award from the New Jersey Bar Association and has been listed as one of the nation's "Top 100 Trial Lawyers" by the American Trial Lawyers Association. **Eric D. Dakhari** of the Medical & Personal Injury Services Practice assisted Mr. Allen in preparation and at trial. Mr. Dakhari focuses his practice on personal injury litigation including product liability, medical malpractice and nursing malpractice.

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