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The estate of a 62-year-old woman who was struck by a CTA bus and died from complications resulting from her injuries agreed to a \$2 million settlement.

On April 15, 2005, Vicki Suarez was struck at a crosswalk by a CTA bus making a left turn. She was treated and released from Northwestern Memorial's emergency room, where she was diagnosed with multiple contusions and abrasions. She rested for six days at home before she developed symptoms of pneumonia. She was admitted to Rush University Medical Center, where she was diagnosed with systematic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS) and died 14 days later. Medical evidence established that the SIRS resulted from the trauma to Suarez's chest when she was struck by the bus.

Suarez was represented by Daniel M. Kotin of **Corboy & Demetrio**. The CTA was represented by John H. Krackenberger of the Chicago Transit Authority legal department.