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In Circuit Court

The family of a man who died of a brain injury while being treated at Lutheran General Hospital after he fell at a party has settled a lawsuit with the hospital for \$2.75 million, according to the family's lawyer.

On Aug. 10, 2009, Joseph Weissmann, 59, was admitted to the Park Ridge hospital's surgical intensive care unit for neurological observation after hitting his head in a fall and a CT scan showed a small hemorrhage, said **Kenneth T. Lumb** of Corboy & Demetrio P.C., who represented the man's estate.

Lumb said the plaintiff's family alleged that health care providers should have recognized the importance of signs that subsequently indicated that the bleed had progressed, and that they should have acted on those signs in time to prevent permanent damage and death by surgically relieving increased pressure in the man's brain.

Cook County Circuit Judge **William D. Maddux** on Tuesday approved the settlement, which was reached by mediation before **Donald P. O'Connell**.

The hospital, which agreed to pay the settlement, was represented by **Michael J. Morrissey** and **Kimberly L. Robinson** of Cassiday, Schade LLP, who could not be reached immediately for comment.

John J. Reidy and **Todd M. Porter** of Ruff, Weidenaar & Reidy Ltd., and **Robert W. Smyth Jr.** and **Todd J. Stalmack** of Donohue, Brown, Mathewson & Smyth LLC represented defendant doctors and their groups.

The case is *Rosemary Weissmann v. Lutheran General Hospital, et al.*, No. 02 L 4879 D.