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— In the News —

Settlement

Attorneys at Corboy & Demetrio were involved in two recent settlements totaling \$14 million.

In the first, a couple from Sterling, Ill., accepted \$7.25 million for a product liability case against a Texas chemical company.

Timothy Gould, 35, suffered third-degree burns over 90 percent of his body when a 55-gallon drum which had previously contained Satin Cement Seal exploded as he approached it with an acetylene torch. Three days before the incident, Gould emptied the barrel.

The barrel did not contain any warning regarding the explosion potential when an apparently empty barrel contained trace amounts of residue.

Gould was hospitalized for eight months at Loyola University Medical Center and had 17 skin grafting procedures. The Gould family was represented by **David R. Barry Jr.** and **Robert J. Bingle**. NCH Corporation was represented by **Jeffrey Singer** and **Nicholas A. Caputo** of Segal, McCambridge, Singer & Mahoney.

Wahl Clipper Corporation, which was sued for contribution by NCH Corporation, contributed \$250,000 to the settlement. It was represented by **Kathryn James Anderlik** of Judge, James and Kujawa LLC. The settlement is awaiting approval from Cook County Circuit Judge **William D. Maddux**.

Timothy Gould and Diane Gould v. Certified Laboratories, Inc., et al, No. 03 L 006250 B.

In the other case, the board of trustees of the University of Illinois agreed to pay \$6.75 million to the family of an 18-year-old who died after donating a kidney to his brother.

Julius Izquierdo underwent surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago last June to give a kidney to his brother Jason, 25. Following the procedure, Julius Izquierdo complained of abdominal pain and vomiting.

When Julius Izquierdo's condition continued to deteriorate, more tests were conducted but the cause was not found.

He died of overwhelming sepsis due to the bowel perforation. Even if the diagnosis had been made as late as June 27—the day before he died—he probably could have been saved, said the family's attorney, **David R. Barry Jr.**

The family didn't file a lawsuit. *Marilyn Merced, etc.*, Probate No. 2006 P 5941.