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— In the News —

In Circuit Court

The parents of a child who had a stroke prior to her birth settled a lawsuit against the hospital and a doctor for \$1.25 million, according to the plaintiffs' lawyers.

Nicole Ludwiak suffered fetal heart rate decelerations shortly before her birth in July 1997. She lost a lot of blood during labor, decreasing the amount of blood reaching her brain and a blood clot formed in the right middle cerebral artery, causing the stroke, according to the lawsuit. She now suffers from mild hemiparesis in her left hand.

Barry R. Chafetz, **Margaret M. Power** and **Michelle M. Kohut** of Corboy & Demetrio P.C. represented Robert and Katarzyna Ludwiak.

Thomas R. Hill of Dykema, Gossett PLLC represented Dr. Raymond McDermott Jr. **William V. Johnson** and **Matthew L. Johnson** of Johnson & Bell Ltd. represented Catholic Health Partners, formerly known as St. Joseph Health Centers and Hospital.

The case was settled on Monday before the start of a trial expected to last three weeks before Cook County Circuit Judge **John A. Ward**.

Katarzyna Ludwiak and Robert Ludwiak, etc. v. Saint Joseph Health Centers and Hospital, et al., No. 02 L 016382.