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In Circuit Court

Parents who sued Northwestern Memorial Hospital and a doctor after their child was injured from what they said was a botched delivery have agreed to accept a settlement of \$11.5 million, their attorney said.

Joshua Radis was born with brain damage and cerebral palsy in 2003, according to the lawsuit, which alleged that fetal monitor tracings indicated he was not tolerating labor because his heart rate wasn't recovering during contractions.

The physicians and nurses tried to expedite the delivery by using a vacuum extractor to bring the baby's head down farther, the suit said. After eight minutes, the staff stopped using the vacuum because the doctor believed that the baby would be delivered with one or two more pushes.

Radis was not delivered until after 15 pushes, the plaintiffs said.

The family was represented by **David R. Barry Jr.** of Corboy & Demetrio P.C.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital, which contributed \$9.5 million to the settlement, was represented by **Robert L. Nora** and **Andrea H. Kott** of McKay, Nora, Tanzillo, Daddino & Kott LLP.

Rudolf G. Schade Jr. of Cassiday, Schade LLP represented the doctor and her corporation; those defendants contributed \$2 million.

Cook County Circuit Judge **William D. Maddux** approved the settlement on Wednesday. *Joshua Radis, etc., et al. v. Lauren F. Streicher M.D., et al.* No. 04 L 9026.