

\$4 Million Settlement for Cerebral Air Embolism

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Cook County Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Lawrence's approval of a settlement of \$4 million for the medical malpractice lawsuit filed by Jeffrey Disch against Loyola University Medical Center and Loyola University Physician Foundation was featured in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*. Disch was represented by Barry R. Chafetz, partner at the law firm of Corboy & Demetrio.

In early 2005, Disch, 54 years old, underwent a brain MRI which revealed a large right cerebral aneurysm. In August, 2005, he was admitted to Loyola University Medical Center for treatment. On August 29, he underwent a cerebral angiogram of the right middle cerebral artery to map the arteries in preparation for surgery to bypass or clip the aneurysm. Shortly after the procedure, Disch had a seizure. An emergency CT scan showed a right middle cerebral artery air embolism. Disch now suffers from left-sided weakness and cognitive changes. He is unable to return to work.

Attorney Chafetz remarked:

Although cerebral artery air embolisms are a rare occurrence, a tragic error was committed by the hospital personnel at Loyola Hospital in this case. The family is very satisfied with the settlement and are relieved to have the case resolved.

Attorneys

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