

ALABAMA

DEFENSE VERDICT IN PRODUCTS LIABILITY CASE



In *Cynthia Johnston et al v HMR of Alabama, Inc* (CV 2015-900263), the plaintiff was an occupational therapist that broke her back while attempting a patient transfer with a mechanical lift. The Defendant operated the veterans nursing home where the accident occurred. Plaintiff alleged the defendants failed to properly maintain the lift in question which caused it to malfunction and injure the plaintiff. The plaintiff boarded over 1 million dollars in hard special damages and ultimately requested 18 million dollars in compensatory and punitive damages.

After a weeklong trial in the judge directed a verdict in favor of the individual defendant and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the corporate defendant the following day.



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