

Gibson firm wins \$1.5m lawsuit for Waycross client

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Trial attorneys Douglas Gibson and Addie Gibson of Gibson & Associates, P.C. in Waycross secured the second largest verdict in Telfair County history on behalf of their client, Regina Pucci-Taylor of Waycross.

The jury found in favor of

Ms. Pucci-Taylor in the amount of \$1.5 million against Dr. Thomas Wehmann and Coffee Regional Medical Center for medical malpractice involving the misplacement of a surgical stent.

The pretrial order in the case alleged Dr. Wehmann “inserted the second stent partly in the vein and partly in the subcutaneous tissue” and such placement was in direct “violation of the standard of care.”

The order further alleged the Defendant “was aware



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Flanking client Regina Pucci-Taylor is Attorney Douglas Gibson (left), Attorney Addie Gibson (second from right) and Paralegal Chris Hiers.

at the time the stent was improperly deployed,” failed to notify Pucci-Taylor, and that the stent “could have been repaired if it had been promptly treated.”

The Gibson team’s trial strategy included impactful testimony from Pucci-Taylor’s current treating doctor, renowned endovascular surgeon, Dr. Majdi Ashchi,

of Ashchi Heart & Vascular Center, as well as testimony from endovascular surgeon, Dr. James Brooks.

Dr. Wehmann testified on his own behalf at trial. However, neither he nor Coffee Regional Medical Center offered testimony from expert witnesses beyond Dr. Wehmann, which contradicted the testimony

of Dr. Ashchi or Dr. Brooks.

Attorney Addie Gibson believes her team’s pre-trial preparation and testimony of Dr. Ashchi, as well as Dr. Brooks, made an impact on the jury and helped them understand why this incident should never have happened and the impact it has had on Pucci-Taylor’s life.

“We were confident in our ability to put the facts in front of the jury and have them see the devastating impact this breach of trust has had on our client,” said Addie Gibson.

The attorneys at Gibson & Associates, P.C. have been fighting for the rights of clients in South Georgia since the firm’s founding by Lamar Gibson in 1963. Their approach and commitment to serious personal injury cases is to go as far as necessary to get to the truth of what has happened and obtain a just result for clients.

“Regina is a wonderful woman who deserved justice in this case,” said said Douglas Gibson, “and we are grateful to have played a role in obtaining it for her. We also appreciate the jury’s willingness to carefully consider all the evidence over the course of a long week as well as the courthouse staff and sheriff’s department in Telfair County who were welcoming and helpful throughout the trial.”

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