

'Top Ten Jury Verdicts' Awarded to SDSBS Attorneys for \$80 Million Victory in Class Action Tobacco Case



Lawyers USA, an online legal resource service, compiles a list each year of the "Top Ten Jury Verdicts" awarded in individual injury claims. A verdict obtained by **SDSBS** attorneys **Jim Gustafson** and **David J. Sales** made the 2010 list, \$80 million for the daughter of a smoker who died from lung cancer after sixty years

of smoking cigarettes manufactured by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. (See the article on *Dianne Webb v. R. J. Reynolds* in this issue, page one.) Dianne Webb's father, James Horner, was a member of the landmark *Engle* class action, which paved the way for thousands of Florida smokers and their families to seek damages for the ravages of cigarettes. *Lawyers USA* compiles the "Top Ten Jury Verdicts" each year for awards made to individuals injured in a single incident and whose claims were tried in one case before the same jury. Obtaining one of the top ten jury verdicts in the year is a singular recognition, and *Of Counsel* congratulates Mr. Gustafson and Mr. Sales for their accomplishment. The firm has tried and won five *Engle* cases, for a cumulative total of nearly \$120 million in verdicts. ♦

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