

## **AB v. RPB Nursing Home**

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On Jan. 13, 1996, an elderly woman named "AB" was admitted to a nursing facility by her daughter. AB had been having trouble walking at home and her family could no longer care for her.

Within a month after her arrival, AB had developed a serious ulcer which progressed and became grossly infected. AB also developed a bone infection called osteomyelitis which her family members alleged had ultimately contributed to her death.

AB's daughter retained the services of attorneys Earl Denney and Karen Terry to investigate the lack of care rendered by the nursing home.

When Ms. Terry went to the nursing facility, she found AB lying in feces. Ms. Terry took photographs of the deplorable condition in which she found AB. Ms. Terry also became a witness in the case.

After many years of arduous discovery, the nursing home was forced to produce staffing statistics demonstrating the number of nurses on staff at the time AB was there. The figures revealed that the nursing home was understaffed, thereby compromising the care rendered to AB and the other 120 residents. In fact, on some shifts it was discovered that there was not a single registered nurse working in the facility.

On behalf of AB's surviving family members, Mr. Denney and Ms. Terry settled the case with the nursing facility for \$542,500. ■