

## **JANE DOE, a minor, vs. DOE HOSPITAL**

Two year old Jane Doe suffered from well-controlled asthma. On the date in question, she had asthma-like symptoms which progressively worsened. She was taken to the emergency room and upon arrival, was wheezing, retracting, tachycardiac and cyanotic. A proper dose of epinephrin was given. However, the child was not immediately started on oxygen and no intravenous access was gained. The standard of care requires close monitoring following the initial dose of epinephrin and a follow-up dose of orally inhaled albuterol. Approximately an hour later, an additional dose of epinephrin was given and there was significant dispute over the actual dosage. The medical records indicated 1.5 milligrams of epinephrin were given--ten times the indicated amount. Jane immediately suffered a respiratory arrest which resulted in severe brain injury. In this case, the subsequent treating neonatologist testified that Jane did not receive standard medical care. Christian Searcy, John Shipley and Todd Stewart negotiated a settlement immediately prior to trial for \$6.5 million dollars. ■