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In the News

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In the law firms

Tressler, Soderstrom, Maloney & Priess LLP has changed its name to Tressler LLP.

[William A. Castle Jr.](#) has joined Robbins, Salomon and Patt Ltd. as an associate with the litigation group.

Castle, who concentrates his practice in commercial litigation, previously was with Cummins & Associates Ltd.

In Circuit Court

A Cook County judge has entered judgment on a \$1 million verdict awarded to the estate of a nursing home resident who died of a five-story fall from a window.

Robert A. Garcia, 54, who suffered from paranoid schizophrenia and was blind, died on April 21, 2004.

On Friday, Cook County Associate Judge **[John B. Grogan](#)** entered judgment on a jury verdict returned on Oct. 5. *Philemon Garcia, etc. v. Seneca Nursing Home Inc., etc., et al.*, No. 06 L 4015.

The estate alleged that the Lee Manor Nursing Home in Des Plaines was negligent and that Van Dusen, Garcia's psychiatrist, engaged in medical malpractice.

The estate is represented by **[Bryan J. Waldman](#)** and **[Patricia L. Gifford](#)** of Levin & Perconti.

Seneca Nursing Home is represented by **[Peter J. Molinelli](#)**, a Tampa, Fla., lawyer, and **[Omar J. Fayez](#)**, a partner with Hall, Prangle & Schoonveld LLC in Chicago.

The jury found Van Dusen not liable, according to Waldman. Van Dusen is represented by **[Jenny O. Blake](#)**, a partner with Lewis & Gellen LLP.

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