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87-year-old Awarded \$842,000 Verdict in Chicago Nursing Home Lawsuit
Resident suffered a broken hip in a fall at the Woodlawn facility

CHICAGO, March 21, 2013 – Yesterday, a Cook County jury awarded \$842,801 to an 87-year-old woman from Chicago in a negligence lawsuit against Kenwood Healthcare Center, a nursing home formerly located at 6125 South Kenwood in Chicago. The facility at this location is now known as Parkshore Estates.

Our client suffered serious injuries after falling at the facility on December 26, 2008. The Court found that the nursing home failed to develop an appropriate care plan to address her risk for falls, even after several previous falls. Jordan S. Powell and Patricia L. Gifford of Levin & Perconti represented our client.

When our client was admitted to the nursing home, she could move around on her own with a walker. After our client’s fall, she had to undergo a surgery to repair her broken hip, which left her immobile and caused a decline in her overall condition.

“We argued that Kenwood failed to take all necessary precautions to prevent our client from falling, allowing her to suffer a broken hip that required surgery and two other fractures that healed on their own,” said Powell. “Staff should have provided her with adequate supervision and assistance to prevent the fall.”

“A broken hip suffered in a nursing home fall is a very serious problem and can lead to further medical issues and complications,” noted Gifford. “Often, these injuries are debilitating for elderly residents. However, there are a number of basic safety measures that long-term care facilities can take to help prevent residents from falling.”

“Falls are often avoidable, and nursing homes are required to do whatever is necessary to keep residents safe,” added founding partner and veteran nursing home lawyer Steven M. Levin. “A reasonably competent nursing staff must follow state and federal regulations and provide adequate supervision in order to prevent falls in nursing homes.”

The lawsuit was filed in November 2009. The Honorable Judge Irwin J. Solganick of the Circuit Court of Cook County presided over the trial which began on March 18. Our client’s medical bills totaled around \$53,000, making this a large award for non-economic damages.

“Our firm has represented clients in nursing home lawsuits for over two decades, and we do not see many nursing home suits go to trial,” added Levin. “This is our third favorable verdict for an elderly client in just over four months. We are proud to have helped our client’s family while raising public awareness surrounding the prevalence of broken hips caused by falls in long-term care facilities.”

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