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In the News

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In the collar counties

The family of a woman who died after eight falls at a Lake County nursing home has settled its negligence lawsuit for \$1 million.

The amount is a record for nursing home neglect settlements in that county, according to [John L. Kirkton](#), editor of the Jury Verdict Report.

The 83-year-old woman, who is survived by a husband and three daughters, was a resident at the county-owned Winchester House in Libertyville. She was not assessed for her risk of falling when she began living there.

One of the falls in 2004 resulted in a brain injury, and she died later that year after breaking a hip and elbow.

The family was represented by [Susan L. Novosad](#) of Levin & Perconti.

The facility was represented by [John A. Terselic](#) of Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP.

[H. Case Ellis](#) presided over the mediation and 19th Judicial Circuit Judge [Christopher C. Starck](#) approved the settlement last week.

The case is *Cathy McMullan, etc. v. County of Lake, etc.* No. 05 L 639.

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