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Verdict: Defense
Los Angeles Superior
Topic: Medical
Detail: Negligent Surgery

Defense – Kent T. Brandmeyer (Law + Brandmeyer LLP)

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CASE/NUMBER: Nancy Reyes v.
Richard Feldman / 19STCV20969

COURT/DATE: Los Angeles
Superior / May 6, 2024

JUDGE: Patrick T. Madden

ATTORNEYS:

Plaintiff - Steven C. Glickman

(Glickman & Glickman ALC)

Defendant - Kent T. Brandmeyer
(Law + Brandmeyer LLP)

FACTS: Plaintiff Nancy Reyes had an extensive history of lower back pain. She underwent spine surgery by Dr. Richard Feldman on March 6, 2018 and June 12, 2018. Both surgeries were minimally invasive at L3-4 and L4-5. During the second surgery, Dr. Feldman inadvertently created a tear in plaintiff's dural sack, necessitating repair. Immediately after the second surgery, plaintiff woke up with significant weakness in her right quadriceps muscle. This weakness was permanent and caused by nerve root injury during surgery.

PLAINTIFF'S CONTENTIONS:
Plaintiff contended Dr. Feldman deviated below the standard of care in his performance of the spine surgeries, permanently injuring multiple nerve roots and causing permanent leg weakness and atrophy.

DEFENDANT'S CONTENTIONS:
Dr. Feldman contended that the rent in the dura was accidental, recognized and repaired intraoperatively. Any residual nerve injury was the unavoidable result of the necessary manipulation of the spinal nerve roots during the surgery.

INJURIES: Permanent nerve injury, pain and weakness in the right leg.

DAMAGES: Non-economic damages capped at \$250,000

INSURER: CAP/MPT

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS:
Plaintiff made a CCP 998 demand of \$200,000.

RESULT: Defense verdict.

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