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## **Case Resolutions**

**Confidential Settlement Reached on Behalf of Brain-Damaged 13-Year-Old Girl Who Also Suffered an Amputation** 

Our clients took their daughter, who was diagnosed with bronchitis, to the emergency room when she spiked a 105 fever. In the emergency room, she was diagnosed with pneumonia. Concerned with sepsis, an echocardiogram was ordered. Three days after it was performed – and while the child's condition was worsening – it was read as normal.

In reality, the echocardiogram showed vegetation in the right ventricle of the heart – a diagnosis that requires immediate medical treatment. Because of her worsening condition, the parents arranged for their daughter to be transported to a tertiary center children's hospital for critical care, where it was discovered the original echocardiogram was misread and that the left and right ventricles now had vegetation. Despite emergency treatment, the child suffered clots throughout her body resulting in a massive stroke and amputation of her left leg.

After three years of investigation and litigation, which included more than 100 doctors and 20 expert witnesses, Partner Nancy La Vista, Attorney Michael S. Smith and the medical malpractice team at Clark Fountain resolved the case for a confidential amount. The settlement will provide financial security for the young girl and her family and allow her to continue to receive proper medical care for the rest of her life.



## Confidential Settlement Reached in Negligent Security Case After a Truck Driver Sustains Two Gunshot Wounds During a Robbery

Our client, a professional truck driver from the Tampa, Florida area, was transporting FEMA supplies from Georgia to North Carolina for Hurricane Florence relief. He stopped to purchase fuel at a truck stop in Georgia. While inside the truck stop, two unidentified individuals attempted to rob the cash registers. Our client was shot twice in the chest and right arm.

Attorney Ben J. Whitman was hired to investigate a potential negligent security claim against the owners and operators of the truck stop and was able to resolve the case prior to the filing of a lawsuit with a confidential settlement agreement. The settlement will cover the client's medical costs, lost wages, and compensate our client for his physical and psychological injuries sustained.

## **Firm News**

# Partners Named 2019 Super Lawyers, Attorney Ben J. Whitman Named Rising Star

Each of the five partners at our firm has been <u>named 2019 Super Lawyers</u>. Attorney Ben J. Whitman has been named a Rising Star and Partners David C. Prather, Julie H. Littky-Rubin, and Nancy La Vista are included in the Top 100: 2019 Miami Super Lawyers list.



## Firm Earns "Top 20 Verdict" in Florida



Clark, Fountain, La Vista, Prather & Littky-Rubin earned one of the <u>largest jury awards</u> in Florida in 2018 for their work on the <u>Letterman v. National Truck Center, et al.</u> trial. Led by Partners Donald R. Fountain and Julie Littky-Rubin, the firm represented

the family of a man who died in a truck accident due to a defective tire and a defectively designed commercial truck. After a three-week trial, a Palm Beach County jury awarded \$15.5

million to the man's 14-year-old son, who lost his only parent in the accident.

# Clark Fountain Awards High School Senior with \$1,000 Scholarship

Halie Francois, a senior at William T. Dwyer High School in Palm Beach Gardens, was the <u>first winner</u> of the inaugural "Panthers Park Your Phone" Distracted Driving Scholarship. Francois plans to join the National Guard after graduation and continue



her education to become an orthopedic surgeon.

#### Attorney Ben J. Whitman Named Honoree in South Florida Business & Wealth 2019 Up & Comer Awards



Ben J. Whitman was recognized in the "Law – Palm Beach County" category as an <u>Up & Comer</u>. The honorees are chosen based on seniority in their organization, professional accomplishments, community involvement, and educational achievements.

### Recalls

General Motors Recalls 368,000+ Trucks Worldwide After 19 Reports of Fires



Certain <u>Chevrolet Silverado and GMC</u> <u>Sierra models</u> are being recalled after reports of fires caused by engine block heater cords. Each of the recalled models has a 6.6-liter diesel engine and an optional engine block heater for use in

colder climates. General Motors is asking customers not to use the engine block heaters until a resolution is found.

#### Tattoo Inks Recalled, Contaminated with Microorganisms

Select <u>tattoo ink</u> manufactured by Color Art Inc., Dynamic Color Inc., and Scalp Aesthetics is being recalled after bacteria was found during routine surveys. According to the Food and Drug Administration, contaminated inks



can lead to infections and serious health injuries when injected into the skin during a tattooing procedure.

# Twelve Million Pounds of Tyson Chicken Strips Recalled Due to Metal Shards



Tyson Foods Inc. is recalling approximately <u>11.8 million pounds of</u> <u>frozen, ready-to-eat chicken strips</u> over fears that the food may be contaminated with metal. There have been a total of six complaints, three of which alleged oral

injury.

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