

Cardiology Practice Awarded Defense Verdict in Medical Malpractice Trial

Moments after Rushton Stakely lawyers won a defense verdict for a local hospital in an adjacent courtroom, a cardiology practice also represented by the firm won a defense verdict regarding claims that an alleged medication error caused a patient to suffer a stroke following an interventional procedure performed to re-open blocked coronary arteries. The patient claimed that a nursing miscalculation of an anti-platelet medication dosage caused blood clots to develop during a percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) to address multiple near-total blockages in the patient's coronary arteries. The defense countered with evidence that the patient's stroke was probably caused by the dislodgement of aortic plaque, a recognized risk and complication of the procedure at issue. A co-defendant hospital settled with the patient after the first day of trial. Two days later, following a brief deliberation, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the cardiology group, which was represented by Rushton Stakely lawyers **Thomas H. Keene** and **Ben C. Wilson**.