

Haynes and Sellers Win Defense Verdict in Talladega County Nursing Home Wrongful Death Trial

William Haynes and Philip Sellers achieve defense verdict in Talladega County nursing home wrongful death trial. The case was styled *Thomas Ray Goggins on behalf of the Estate of Julia Goggins v. Sylacauga Health Care Authority d/b/a Coosa Valley Medical Center*, Talladega County, CV-2012-900109.

The Plaintiff alleged that the defendant breached the standard of care by allowing a resident in the defendant's long-term care facility to develop decubitus ulcers thereby causing the resident's death. At trial, the defendant put on evidence that established that the defendant's care was reasonable and appropriate at all times and that the resident's decubitus ulcers were the result of pre-existing medical conditions rather than any breach of the standard of care on the part of the defendant's nursing staff.

After an eight day trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.