
Hadiaris & Lavoie Secure Defense Verdict

J.D. Hadiaris and Mark Lavoie secured a defense verdict following a medical malpractice jury trial at the Penobscot Judicial Center in Bangor, Maine.

J.D. and Mark's client, an orthopedic surgeon, was accused of breaching the standard of care in obtaining informed consent for shoulder surgery, and causing damages, including shoulder dysfunction and the need for the Plaintiff to undergo further surgery. The jury rejected the Plaintiff's theory, and after six days of trial, found that the surgeon acted appropriately in his care and treatment of the Plaintiff.

J.D. and Mark had also argued that the Plaintiff could not establish the second necessary element of her malpractice claim, *i.e.*, that harm was caused by the alleged negligence of the surgeon. However, in light of the jury's 'no negligence' finding, it was not necessary for the jury to address the second necessary element of the Plaintiff's malpractice claim.

JD Hadiaris and Mark Lavoie are Partners in Norman Hanson & DeTroy's Medical Malpractice Litigation Group. They regularly represent health care providers and practitioners in the defense of malpractice claims in Maine and New Hampshire courts, and before medical malpractice prelitigation screening panels.