

**ESTATE OF  
JOHN DOE  
vs.  
CLINIC X  
AND  
DRS. A, B AND C**

John Doe, 49, went to Clinic X complaining of chest pain. He was seen by Dr. A, who suspected his problems were cardiac in nature and performed an EKG. The EKG computer results suggested that, indeed, he suffered from an evolving cardiac problem. Dr. A ignored the analysis and sent him home after ordering some blood work. The blood work was returned the next day, and clearly showed that cardiac enzymes were elevated, indicating an evolving heart problem. These results were read by Dr. B, misdiagnosed, and Mr. Doe was not informed of the problem.

Approximately two weeks later, Mr. Doe returned to the same clinic to be seen by Dr. A and now complaining of numbness in the jaw, a classic symptom of cardiac problems. Again, Dr. A misdiagnosed him and sent him home.

Approximately three months later, Mr. Doe again visited the clinic complaining of chest tightness. He was seen by Dr. C. who read the chest X-ray he ordered as normal. The next day when the chest X-ray was read by a radiologist, the radiologist found that the X-ray showed an enlarged heart, another classic symptom of cardiac problems. *Mr. Doe was never informed by Dr. C that the radiologist had found that he had an enlarged heart. He was told that he had flu-like symptoms and sent home.*

As a result of the misdiagnosis of Drs. A, B and C and the clinic personnel, Mr. Doe never knew that he had an evolving heart problem and sought no further medical attention. Seven months later he suffered an irregular heartbeat and a subsequent heart attack and died.

Mr. Doe is survived by his wife and two children. During an early mediation, Bill Norton negotiated a \$1.7 million settlement for the surviving wife and children. ■