

**HARVEY vs.
MILLAN, WESTLEY
AND HUMANA HOSPITAL**

George Harvey was at work at Winn-Dixie in the early morning hours of December 17, 1991 when he fainted. He was rushed to the emergency room of the former Humana Hospital in West Palm Beach. CT scans showed fresh blood was leaking in Mr. Harvey's brain. The radiologist who reviewed the CT films, Kurt Westley, M.D., failed to detect the presence of blood. Mr. Harvey was admitted to the hospital under the care of a neurologist, Adolfo Millan, M.D.

Mr. Harvey remained in the hospital for six days, during which time he repeatedly showed signs of suffering from a cerebral aneurysm. During this time, Dr. Millan and the hospital ignored possible neurologic causes for Mr. Harvey's condition. Dr. Millan insisted that he was suffering from some kind of heart condition, despite repeated assurances from cardiologists to the contrary. On December 23, an infectious disease specialist ordered a spinal tap to rule out meningitis. Mr. Harvey's spinal fluid contained blood, which allowed doctors to finally diagnose his condition. By that time, Mr. Harvey had suffered at least one additional rupture of his aneurysm and his condition was very grave. On December 23, a neurosurgeon ordered an immediate transfer of Mr. Harvey to Good Samaritan Hospital, where he planned to do surgery to repair the aneurysm the next morning. During the early morning hours of Christmas Eve, Mr. Harvey died.

Represented by David Sales and Jack Scarola, Mr. Harvey's widow, Darleen, and her two young daughters, sued the former Humana Hospital, Dr. Westley and Dr. Millan. The case recently set-

tled for a total of \$2,200,000, including \$500,000 from Dr. Millan (his insurance policy limits), \$925,000 from Dr. Westley (on limits of \$1,000,000) and \$775,000 from the hospital. ■