



## And The Defense Wins

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DRI members [Sean P. Byrne](#) and [John E. Peterson, Jr.](#) of **Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle, PC** in Richmond, Virginia, obtained a defense verdict in a medical malpractice case in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The plaintiff sued her obstetrician over the loss of her child, following a placental abruption and stillbirth delivery at approximately 38 weeks gestation. The plaintiff alleged that she had signs of gestational hypertension or preeclampsia that required additional monitoring or earlier delivery, which would have saved the baby. The plaintiff sought \$1,500,000 at trial. On February 4, 2010, after a four-day trial, the jury returned a defense verdict.

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