



The Voice

And The Defense Wins Published 11-12-14 by DRI

Marty Phillips and Amanda Waddell



<u>Marty Phillips</u> and <u>Amanda Waddell</u>, with the Memphis, Tennessee, law firm of **Rainey, Kizer, Reviere & Bell, PLC**, successfully defended an emergency medicine physician in the Circuit Court of DeSoto County, Mississippi.

The 79 –year-old plaintiff arrived to the emergency department complaining of a left hip dislocation following a partial hip replacement three weeks earlier. During the attempted reduction of the hip dislocation, the patient suffered a femoral fracture, a known risk of the reduction procedure. The plaintiff sued the physician claiming he used excessive force and improper technique in performing the Allis method of hip reduction, which caused the fracture and required surgical repair of the femur and hip prosthesis. The physician contended the fracture was an unavoidable risk of the procedure and the Allis method was appropriately performed.

During the trial, the jury heard testimony from two emergency medicine physician experts and an orthopedic surgery expert. Following deliberation, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant-physician.

To learn more about DRI, an international membership organization of attorneys defending the interests of business and individuals in civil litigation, visit <u>www.dri.org</u>.