

Failure to detect cardiac condition leads to death during operation and Indiano & Williams recovers for family

Indiano & Williams PSC. obtains just compensation for daughter, son and son-in-law for the death as a result of medical malpractice. The law suit was filed against the hospital, cardiologist and anesthesiologist for failing to properly assess the patient's preoperative cardiac condition (coronary heart disease, history of angina, vascular disease, stroke and diabetes). Patient was mis-classified ASA prior to an elective invasive procedure- laryngoscopy for a vocal chord biopsy. There was no preoperative cardiac assessment of myocardial and valvular function from either a stress test or echocardiogram. During operation, a prolonged laryngospasm ensued without immediate administration of muscle relaxant (usually succinylcholine), resulting in hypoxia, bradycardia and cardiac infarction. The magnitude of the heart attack resulted in cardiogenic shock characterized by dangerously low blood pressure.