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## Notable Verdict

CASE TYPE: *medical malpractice*

CASE: *Munoz v. New York City Health & Hospitals Corp., 3209/90 (Sup. Ct., New York)*

WINNING ATTORNEY: *Judith A. Livingston, of New York's Kramer, Dillof, Tessel, Duffy & Moore*

ON FEB. 28, a New York jury ordered the city Health & Hospitals Corp. to pay \$6.2 million to an 8-year-old boy whose severe brain damage was blamed on a city hospital resident's failure to perform an emergency Caesarean section. A pre-delivery sonogram showed that Otita Munoz was suffering from abruptio placenta, said plaintiffs' counsel Judith A. Livingston. But the Caesarean was delayed, causing oxygen deprivation in the child, Geor Munoz, she said. The \$6.2 million award will be reduced to the present value of \$4.6 million, by state law.