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KPDE Announces Not Guilty Verdict in Punitive Damages Claim

Chicago, IL. — KPDE announces that a jury in Cook County Circuit Court, delivered its verdict of no punitive damages in the case of *Wendy Greene v Ravi Guruja*, handled by defense attorney Andrew A. Boros. \$22,842 was awarded on the negligence count.

On May 21, 2004, a window broke in the 24th floor Chicago apartment, causing the glass to fall and strike the plaintiff on the sidewalk below. The plaintiff sustained a herniated disc at C4-5, abrasions, headaches and neck pain; her orthopedist opined she may need a future cervical fusion (\$10,042 past medical, \$37,000 future surgery). Coincidentally she had undergone an annual physical examination the morning of the incident which showed good health, then traveled to Chicago that day for a business trip, and was exiting a restaurant with co-workers when she was hit by the falling glass. She contended the window broke during a domestic dispute between the defendant and his wife, and sought punitive damages from the defendant for his reckless conduct. The defense argued the window broke accidentally while defendant was attempting to open the window, and this was an old building which has since been demolished. The defense also contested causation of plaintiff's herniated disc and the need for future surgery.

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