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Pegalis & Erickson, LLC Announces Medical Errors Results for 2016: 47 Million Dollars in Settlements

(New Hyde Park, NY) March 8: The law firm of Pegalis & Erickson, LLC announces that the firm's 2016 case settlement amounts totaled 47 million dollars, on behalf of fifteen clients who were tragic victims of avoidable medical errors. Each case settlement amount ranged from \$550,000 to \$6.4 million dollars.

Today, medical errors are the third leading cause of death in the US. Every day of every year, we recommend that patients be proactive in their own health care to help avoid some medical errors. Our [blog](#) articles and online [tips](#) are made available to the public each week. There are measures we can all take to help protect ourselves and our loved ones from some medical errors, while supporting health care providers in conducting their professional tasks in increasingly time-crunched environments.

Four of our 2016 cases were for children under five years old, who were injured at birth and/or whose illness went undetected. Three of our cases were for mothers that died at or around the time of their baby's birth. All of the cases involved departures from the standard of medical care, and caused serious injury and/or death.

Here is a brief description of some of the 2016 settlements we achieved for our clients:

A Nassau County, NY client was awarded a \$550,000 settlement after he sustained nerve damage from the removal of a benign shoulder tumor.

The death of a 50-year old Suffolk County man resulted from his cardiac arrest due to an excessive amount of IV fluid, shortly after gall bladder surgery. We secured a settlement of more than three million dollars for his family.

We obtained a settlement of \$6.4 million dollars for a young boy in Nassau County in a case in which a hospital Emergency Department failed to diagnose his pneumonia which led to sepsis and toxic shock. The boy now lives with multiple, severe physical damage to his feet, hands, and eyes, as well as psychological trauma.

A 49-year-old Westchester County, NY woman received a \$900,000 settlement, after undergoing an arthroscopic surgery to her knee, which became infected. That led to another surgery for total knee replacement and she continues to have pain and limitations.

The wife and children of a Queens County man received a settlement of \$5.75 million dollars. His death was a result of a failure to diagnose and treat his abdominal aortic aneurism.

One of our highest settlement amounts was for a case in upstate New York, which was previously turned down by another New York law firm. We recovered six million dollars for a brain injured child as a result of medical care providers' failures to treat high blood pressure in a mother, which caused a premature delivery. Doctors then failed to treat the baby's signs of hydrocephalus, resulting in permanent brain injuries. Like all babies injured around the time of their birth as a result of avoidable medical errors, the children we represented last year will need special medical care, treatments, and education for the rest of their lives.

We obtained \$3.75 million dollar settlement for the husband and children of a Nassau County woman who died soon after giving birth to twins. Medical personnel failed to treat her breathing difficulties.

Note: Pegalis & Erickson, LLC cannot identify clients or health-care providers by name.

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Pegalis & Erickson, LLC is a New York law firm that represents seriously injured people that suffered avoidable medical negligence. In our 45 years of practice, we have won some of the largest verdicts in New York State history for birth trauma, misdiagnosed cancers, and surgical errors, and have obtained justice for serious construction and accident victims. We have helped more than 2,000 people obtain funds for services they need to survive day-to-day living. We are advocates for patient safety and medical accountability to ensure safer medical practices for better patient care. Visit us at www.pegalisanderickson.com. For health news you can use follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).