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**LISER, LISER SUCESSFULLY DEFEND
AGAINST CLAIM FOR \$25 MILLION**

FORT WORTH, TX—The defense trial team of Sandra Liser and Grant Liser of Brown, Dean, Wiseman, Liser , Proctor and Hart, LLP has successfully defended a general contractor against a \$25 million negligence claim brought by an Arlington resident.

The plaintiff in the case, Douglas Goade, was driving on SH 157 in Arlington on March 1, 1999, when a 10-pound piece of concrete come through his windshield and struck him in the temple. His wife Carole, a passenger, successfully steered their pick-up through oncoming traffic into a bar ditch.

During the jury trial in 17th District Court in Tarrant County, TX, family members said that while Mr. Goade suffered severe brain injuries, he has made a remarkable recovery.

At the accident investigation, Mrs. Goade said the concrete came from a “large yellow truck.” The general contractor, T.J. Lambrecht Construction of Joliet, IL was not named on the report. Later, Mrs. Goade said the truck carried the logo of the Lambrecht Company.

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During the trial, the Lisers presented proof that the only trucks owned by the company at the time, belly dump trucks, were not used to carry concrete and their trucks which were in the area when the wreck occurred carried only dirt.

The defense team utilized two expert witnesses in their successful defense of the company. Dr. Mike Andrews, an accident reconstruction expert, testified it was improbable that the accident occurred as Mrs. Goade thought. Dr. Bob Gant, a neuropsychologist, explained to the jury how Mrs. Goade could easily believe she “remembered” the logo and details of the accident when she really did not. He further explained why eye witnesses are often unreliable.

The suit was filed in November 2000. Plaintiff’s trial counsel were Gerson Smoger and Martin Hoffman from the Smoger Law firm with offices in Farmers Branch, TX and Oakland, CA. The trial started on Feb. 23. The jury issued their verdict on March 10, after approximately 2 hours of deliberation. The trial judge was Judge Fred Davis.

The Lisers, who are married, are both partners in the Brown, Dean firm. Working with them on the defense team was Associate Sterling Elza.

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