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Hunter v. Christus Health Central Louisiana

Court of Appeal of Louisiana, Third Circuit - April 23, 2014 - So.3d - 2013-1057 (La.App. 3 Cir. 4/23/14)

Patient brought medical malpractice action against hospital arising out of patient's development of bed sore during stay in hospital. After hospital stipulated to liability, the District Court held bench trial and awarded damages. Hospital appealed.

The Court of Appeal held that:

- Damages award of a total of \$85,000 for past pain and suffering and mental anguish was not excessive;
- Damages award of \$5,000 for future pain and suffering was not excessive; and
- Trial court acted within its discretion in ordering hospital to pay costs of certain depositions relating to liability.