

**STATE COURT OF BIBB COUNTY**  
**CIVIL JURY VERDICT REPORT**

PLAINTIFFS: Ellen Turner and Willie Turner

DEFENDANTS: William Dasher, M.D. and Macon Orthopaedic & Hand Center, P.A.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 81237

JUDGE: William P. Adams

TYPE OF CASE: Medical Malpractice, March 2011

TRIAL DATE: April 11 – 18, 2017

VERDICT: Defendants

CLAIMED MEDICAL EXPENSES: \$816,301.34

INSURANCE CARRIER: MAG Mutual Insurance Company

LAST PRE TRIAL OFFER/DEMAND: None

PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEYS: Laura Shamp and Laurie Speed

DEFENDANTS' ATTORNEYS: Slade Edwards and John Edwards

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

On March 17, 2011, Plaintiff Ellen Turner was acting as a monitor on a school bus in Laurens County when the bus was struck by a tractor trailer. Ms. Turner was taken to a local hospital where some tests were done. She was then transported to the Medical Center of Central Georgia where surgery was done on her by Dr. Arthur Gregorian and Dr. William Dasher on March 21, 2011. The surgery was done on the thoracic portion of Ms. Turner's spine. Ms. Turner was not paralyzed when she went into the surgery but she was paralyzed after the surgery. She contended the doctors breached the standard of care in the surgery done on her. The trial proceeded only as to Dr. Dasher, who contended he was not negligent and that nothing done by him in his limited role as an assistant in the surgery caused any injury to Ms. Turner. Had the jury found in favor of Plaintiffs as against Dr. Dasher, the verdict form would have called upon the jury to determine damages and then make an allocation of fault as among Dr. Dasher, Dr. Grigorian, and the truck driver. Ms. Turner had received worker's compensation benefits since she was on the job at the time of her injury. Attorneys for the worker's comp carrier were present at trial but were not allowed to participate in the trial. Plaintiffs' case consisted of their own testimony, the testimony of two expert witnesses, the cross examination of Dr. Dasher, and several family members and friends. Plaintiffs also presented the testimony of a life care planner who put a total value on the life care plan in the amount of \$3,161,947.00. Defendants' case consisted of his own testimony, the testimony of an expert witness, and the video deposition testimony of a nurse and two doctors who had played some role in the surgery done on Ms. Turner. The jury deliberated about two hours before returning its verdict.