

And The Defense Wins

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In early May 2016, [Franklin D. Beahm](#), a partner in the New Orleans firm **Beahm and Green**, defended a hospital liability claim in the Civil District Court in New Orleans, *Buggage v. Touro Infirmary*. The plaintiffs were family members of a since deceased patient who claimed the environment in the hospital following Hurricane Katrina caused or contributed to the plaintiff-patient's loss of her toe and accompanying injuries as a result of the loss of the ability to provide hyperbaric (intensive oxygen therapy) treatments. The plaintiffs sought damages in the amount of \$1.4 million. The case was tried to the judge, who took the matter under advisement and entered a defense judgment in favor of the hospital with written reasons in July.

Again in late May 2016, Mr. Beahm and associate [Chris Otten](#) defended another hospital liability claim centering on the post-Katrina environment, *Favret v. Touro Infirmary*. The plaintiffs were a patient and his wife who claimed the conditions in the hospital caused or exacerbated the plaintiff-patient's pre-existing bacterial infection along his lower spine. The plaintiffs sought damages in the amount of \$600,000, plus \$20,000 in loss of consortium damages for the wife. The case was tried to the judge, who took the matter under advisement and entered a defense judgment in favor of the hospital with written reasons in December.

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