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## Clarke jury awards \$1.75 million malpractice award

Two medical malpractice lawsuits were heard by juries in Clarke County Civil Court in Grove Hill this week and last. The first case was dismissed, but the second resulted in a jury verdict for the plaintiff and a \$1.75 million judgement against the physician.

A case was brought by Donna Sanders charging Dr. Gaylord M. Walker of Mobile with medical malpractice relating to a surgery which he performed to correct a gallbladder surgery originally performed by Dr. George Ward in 1994 at the then Riverside Medical Center in Jackson.

Dr. Walker performed corrective surgery on Sanders at USA Medical Center in Mobile.

Attorneys for Sanders, Jim Yance of Mobile and Stuart DuBose of Jackson had asked for a \$6 million verdict.

Sanders had already come to an undisclosed settlement with Dr. Ward who no longer practices in Jackson.

The jury in a malpractice suit against Dr. Sid Crosby of Jackson found for the defendant Monday and the case was dismissed. Attorney Mac McCorquodale represented Dr. Crosby.

The case was brought by Robert Jay Dungan and Judy Lynn Dungan who charged Dr. Crosby in the malpractice death of their infant child, Nicholas. The baby died Sept. 17, 1994, 14 hours after birth, at the then Riverside Medical Center in Jackson.

### Spring term of Civil Court

Spring term of Clarke Civil Court begins Monday with Circuit Judge Lee McPhearson scheduled to hear two cases and Circuit Court Judge Harold Crow set to hear 10 cases.