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Legal People

McKeen & Associates was recently featured on Michigan Lawyers Weekly's list of Michigan's Million Dollar Verdicts and Settlements. The Detroit-based law firm specializing in birth trauma and medical malpractice cases landed Michigan's second highest verdict in 2013 while also earning four of the year's Top 25 settlements in the state.

McKeen & Associates' nearly \$13 million judgment in the case of *Bryson v. Genesys Regional Medical Center* was Michigan's second highest decision in 2013. It also was the top medical malpractice verdict of the year. In the case, a Genesee County jury determined that Genesys was negligent during the delivery of a child that resulted in Erb's Palsy, a permanently disfiguring and disabling injury.

The firm's settlements that ranked among the largest in the state include:

No. 8—\$4.25 million settlement for an expectant mother whose heart rate was misinterpreted by hospital delivery staff.

No. 10 (tie)—\$4 million settlement for an expectant mother who sued a hospital because a delay of more than one hour led to her newborn's injuries including cerebral palsy, a seizure disorder, global developmental delay and a nonfunctioning right kidney.

No. 18—\$2.85 million settlement for the family of a man whose medical history of hypertension, gastritis and a family history of untimely deaths due to heart attack was improperly diagnosed eventually resulting in his death as a result of cardiogenic shock.

No. 25—\$2.075 million settlement as a result of medical malpractice in the misdiagnosis of a child's brain condition leading to a developmental state in which he

would require 24-hour supervision and had an IQ in the 50s.

"Achieving these verdicts and settlements is testimony to the hard work of our staff and the experts we use," said McKeen & Associates Founder and Managing Partner Brian McKeen. "Our goal is to achieve a recovery for the client. While it can never replace the loss of a loved one, or take away from a permanent injury, the goal is to do as much as possible within our civil justice system to provide them with full recompense."