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Verdicts & Settlements

Minor incurs multiple injuries from dog bite

Cuts developed into thick scars that necessitated reconstructive surgery

\$375,000

Plaintiff's minor was visiting defendants' residence for a sleepover with friends. Plaintiff's minor said she remembered petting defendants' St. Bernard when suddenly and without warning, the dog vi-



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ciously attacked her, biting her on the face, head and neck.

Plaintiff's minor sustained numerous full-thickness cuts and a large avulsion-type in-

jury to the facial area. The right cheek and lip soon developed inelasticity; the right lower lip sustained decreased sensation; and very hard "knots" began to form deep in the skin and to the buccal mucosa (membrane lining the inside of the mouth). In addition, the cuts developed into thick scars, necessitating reconstructive surgery.

The matter settled in Sanilac County Circuit Court for \$375,000.

Type of action: Personal injury/dog bite

Type of injuries: Facial and right lower lip injuries, scarring

Name of case: Confidential

Court/Case no./Date: Sanilac County Circuit Court; confidential; Oct. 28, 2013

Name of judge: Donald A. Teeple

Name of facilitator: Daniel P. Makarski

Settlement amount: \$375,000

Most helpful expert: Dr. Michael A. Carron, reconstructive surgery, Detroit

Insurance carrier: Withheld

Attorneys for plaintiff: Walid Y. Fakhoury, Andrew S. Khurana, Naim G. Younan

Attorney(s) for defendant: Withheld

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