

## IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY

THE ESTATE OF KATHLEEN HAZEN,	)	
by STEVEN J. HAZEN, Administrator,	)	
and STEVEN J. HAZEN, Individually,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	LAW NO. LACE 130055
	)	
vs.	)	VERDICT ENTRY
	)	
WILLIAM E. OLSON, M.D.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

Jury trial in this matter commenced on January 23, 2023. Plaintiffs appeared personally and with counsel, Attorneys William J. Bribriesco and Anthony J. Bribriesco. Defendant William E. Olson, M.D. appeared personally and with counsel, Attorneys Brian T. Fairfield and Jason P. Butt. Genesis Medical Systems appeared through counsel Benjamin Patterson and David Waterman. On January 25, 2023, immediately following the finalization of the jury selection process, Genesis Health Systems became a settled and released party. However, the question of Genesis Health Systems negligence remained an issue to be determined by the jury. On February 3, 2023, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the Defendant, William E. Olson, M.D. as follows:

We find the following verdict on the questions submitted to us:

**Question No. 1:** Was Dr. William E. Olson negligent?

Answer "yes" or "no."

**ANSWER: NO**

[If your answer is "no," do not answer Question No. 2, move on to Question No. 3, and do not assign any fault to Dr. William E. Olson in Question No. 5. If your answer is "yes," proceed to Question No. 2.]

**Question No. 3:** Was Genesis Health System negligent?

Answer "yes" or "no."

**ANSWER: YES**

[If your answer is “no,” do not answer Question No. 4, move on to Question No. 5, and do not assign any fault to Genesis Health System in Question No. 5. If your answer is “yes,” proceed to Question No. 4.]

**Question No. 4:** Was the negligence of Genesis Health System a cause of any item of damage to the Plaintiffs?

Answer “yes” or “no.”

**ANSWER: YES**

[If your answer to Question No. 4 is “no,” then move to Question No. 5 and do not assign any fault to Genesis Health System in Question No. 5. If you answer to Question No. 4 is “yes,” move on to Question No. 5.]

**Question No. 5:** Using 100% as the total combined negligence which was a cause of Plaintiffs’ damages, what percentage of negligence do you attribute to each party? If you previously found that any party or released party was not negligent or their negligence was not a cause of Plaintiffs’ damages, enter a 0% for that party or released party.

Dr. William E. Olson	0%
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Genesis Health System	100%
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**Question No. 6:** State the amount of damages sustained by the Plaintiffs caused by the negligence of defendant or released party as to each of the following items of damage. If the Plaintiffs’ have failed to prove any item of damage, or have failed to prove that any item of damage was caused by a defendant or released party, enter 0 for that item.

1. Pre-Death Physical Pain and Mental Suffering- Kathy Hazen	\$ 1.6M
2. Pre-Death Loss of Full Body and Mind- Kathy Hazen	\$ 1.6M
3. Past Loss of Spousal Consortium- Steven Hazen	\$ 400K
4. Future Loss of Spousal Consortium – Steven Hazen	\$ 400K
TOTAL (add the separate items of damage)	\$ 4M

Genesis Health System is a settled and released party in this matter.



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ORDER FOR JUDGMENT

So Ordered

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meghan Corbin".

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Meghan Corbin, District Court Judge,  
Seventh Judicial District of Iowa

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