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ECONOMIST'S TESTIMONY SUPPORTS JURY AWARD OF \$1,745,000

Jury Assesses Significant Economic Damages Against Dow Corning Corporation in Breast Implant Case.

Los Angeles, California: Robert W. Johnson & Associates testified to the economic damages of a registered nurse who suffered various illnesses due to the rupture of her silicone breast implants.

Citation: *Stabile v. Dow Corning Corporation, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC-070578, Los Angeles, California; Attorneys Steven A. Fabbro and Carol Moor of Brown, Monziona, Fabbro, Zakaria and Scarlett, San Francisco, California.*

Case Synopsis: At the suggestion of her employer in 1977, plaintiff Rebecca Stabile, now 43, received silicone gel breast implants. At the time, Ms Stabile was a game show host and had advertising contracts with companies such as Canon and Proctor & Gamble. In 1987 she decided to pursue a nursing career and was employed as a registered nurse from 1989 until 1993. Ms. Stabile's illness first appeared in 1985 with recurrent sinus infections, hair loss, and constant low-grade fevers. By the late 1980's she was suffering from constant pains, confusion, and memory loss resulting in total disability. Evidence presented at trial indicated that the implants had ruptured in vivo, without any antecedent trauma. Though Dow argued that there is no evidence that silicone breast implants caused any disease, the plaintiff's medical experts testified and convinced the jury that Ms. Stabile suffered from atypical lupus-like symptoms, neurological damage, and severely impaired reaction time, all caused by the ruptured implants.

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Robert W. Johnson, a forensic economist, provided the financial groundwork for the jury to conclude that \$945,000 of the settlement was specifically designated for wage loss and medical expenses. His testimony detailed the extent of her impaired earnings capacity due to the silicone induced diseases. Mr. Johnson documented in detail her losses from not being able to work as an R.N.

Attorney Comments: “Mr. Johnson’s clear, sensitive presentation and thorough documentation of Ms. Stabile’s loss of income, helped the jury to understand and quantify her economic damages to the point that they awarded the 945,000 for wage loss and medical expenses. We were very pleased with his testimony.”

About Robert W. Johnson & Associates: A nationally recognized full service consulting firm that specializes in illustrating and quantifying non-economic damages. Consulting services include quantifying the loss of enjoyment of life (pain and suffering) in a personal injury case; quantifying the loss of love, care, comfort, society, consortium, etc. to the survivors in a wrongful death case; illustrating, with the LIFE ACTIVITY CALENDAR, the loss of enjoyment/ quality of life; analyzing structured settlements; and generating wage loss reports that include the present value of future medical expenses.

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