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In the News

In Circuit Court

A Cook County jury has awarded \$3.4 million to a woman after finding that she suffered kidney failure caused by a doctor-prescribed drug before a colonoscopy, her attorney said.

In March 2002, Martha Minnifield's blood tests revealed that she suffered from kidney disease.

The following month, a doctor instructed Minnifield to ingest a laxative before a colonoscopy. The drug is known to pose a risk of kidney damage in patients with kidney disease, according to the plaintiff.

Minnifield, 62, alleged that a safe alternative drug could have been administered.

The plaintiff was represented by **Edward W. McNabola** and **Theodore C. Jennings** of Cogan & McNabola PC.

The defendant was represented by **Michael R. Slovis** of Cunningham, Meyer & Vedrine PC.

Cook County Circuit Judge **Irwin J. Solganick** presided; the verdict was returned on Friday.

Martha Minnifield v. Doris Lurwick, No. 04 L 014122.