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PRESS RELEASE

Taylor & Walker attorney wins favorable jury verdict in auto accident personal injury case.

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Richmond - Benjamin T. Owings, II, tried the case of Watkins v. Gay in the Richmond Circuit Court. The case involved a side swipe collision between two vehicles. Defendant attempted to turn across a lane of traffic to enter a parking lot, in doing so she struck plaintiff's vehicle that was traveling to her immediate left. Liability was directed by the Court. The jury was only given the issue of damages. Plaintiff claimed injury to his low back, along with radicular symptoms to his left leg and foot. Plaintiff treated once immediately after the collision, and then had no treatment for five months, after which time he went off work for four months. Plaintiff's physician acknowledged a long history of low back problems for the plaintiff, but dated his current problems to the collision. Defendant's expert related only the initial treatment to the collision, all other treatment was related to his pre-existing degenerative problems. Plaintiff submitted \$5,700 in medical expenses and \$14,000 in lost wages. An offer of \$5,000 was made just before closing arguments, which was rejected. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the amount of \$1,931, with no interest.

Taylor & Walker attorneys defend injury claims arising from accidents throughout Virginia.

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