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### **Taylor and Walker attorneys obtain defense verdict in traumatic brain injury case.**

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**Newport News** - Taylor and Walker partners David L. Littel and John Franklin III obtained a defense verdict in an automobile accident in which the plaintiff claimed a permanent, disabling traumatic brain injury.

In the case of Gregory Sutton v. E.G. Middleton, Inc. and Simon R. Bettinger, Mr. Littel and Mr. Franklin conducted a five day jury trial in Newport News Circuit Court. The case arose from an automobile accident occurring in the Monitor/Merrimac Bridge Tunnel. Liability was disputed and the plaintiff presented extensive expert testimony in support of his claim that he sustained a disabling traumatic brain injury in the accident. Mr. Littel and Mr. Franklin also presented expert testimony disputing the plaintiff's claim of a traumatic brain injury. The plaintiff's lowest settlement demand prior to trial was 7 million dollars. After five days of trial, the jury deliberated for under two hours and returned a verdict in favor of the defendants.

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