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Outrage - A doctor engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient for whom he was prescribing addictive pain medication; the patient later claimed the doctor deliberately addicted him to medication and bartered prescriptions for sex beginning when the patient was a minor

Hamilton v. O'Rear, 01-803

Plaintiff: Garve W. Ivey, Jr., *Ivey & Ragsdale*, Jasper

Defense: William S. Haynes, Thomas H. Keene, and Stephen P. Dees,

Rushton Stakely Johnston & Garrett, P.A., Montgomery; Phillip A. Laird, *Laird & Robertson*, Jasper; and Herbie Brewer, Birmingham

Verdict: \$3,000,000 for plaintiff (comprised of \$1,000,000 in compensatory damages and \$2,000,000 in punitives)

Circuit: **Walker**, 4-23-09

Judge: Jerry K. Selman

Bradley Hamilton was only 11 years old when he first saw Dr. Delane O'Rear for treatment in 1989. Dr. O'Rear was Hamilton's family doctor and was licensed in psychiatry. When Hamilton's mother and stepfather encountered marital difficulties, Hamilton's mother asked Dr. O'Rear to counsel Hamilton. This took place during Hamilton's early teens.

In 1994, Hamilton began to see Dr. O'Rear again. At this time, he was 17 years old. Hamilton continued to see Dr. O'Rear as a patient until November 1999, when he was 21.

During this period, Hamilton's complaints included acute migraine headaches, respiratory infections, fever, chest pain, and back pain. For these problems, Dr. O'Rear prescribed decongestants, topical ointments, anti-anxiety medications, and pain medications. Among these prescriptions were several prescriptions for opiates.

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