

PATRICIA SKEETERS and  
MICAH SKEETERS

PLAINTIFFS

v.

**JURY INSTRUCTIONS**

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE  
PHYSICIANS, INC., *et al.*

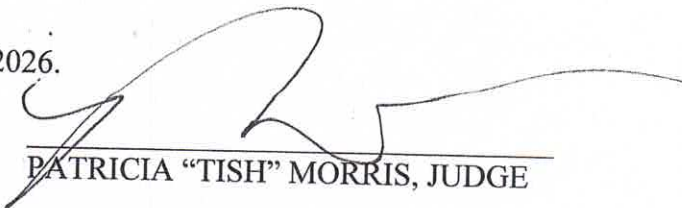
DEFENDANTS

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**INSTRUCTION NO. 1**

- A. Immediately upon retiring to the jury room, you shall select one of your members as a foreperson.
- B. Nine or more of you must agree in order to make any determinations required by these Instructions. The nine or more, who agree on one, however, need not be the same jurors who agree on others.
- C. If all twelve of you agree on the answers to any of the determinations to which you are required to respond, the Foreperson can sign for you.
- D. Each response on which you are not unanimous must be signed by the nine or more of you who agree.
- E. If you have any questions during your deliberations, please write them down and give them to the Deputy Sheriff. The Court will consider your questions with counsel and answer as best it can.

SO ORDERED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.



PATRICIA "TISH" MORRIS, JUDGE

**Please proceed to Instruction No. 2.**

**INSTRUCTION NO. 2**

It was the duty of Russell W. Farmer, M.D., acting as an employee of University of Louisville Physicians, Inc., in treating Patricia Skeeters, to exercise the degree of care and skill expected of a reasonably competent physician specializing in colorectal surgery and acting under similar circumstances. If you are satisfied from the evidence that Dr. Russell Farmer failed to comply with this duty and that such failure was a substantial factor in causing Patricia Skeeters's injury, you will find for Plaintiff; otherwise, you will find for Dr. Russell Farmer.

Are you satisfied from the evidence that Dr. Russell Farmer failed to comply with this duty, and that such failure was a substantial factor in causing Patricia Skeeters's injury?

YES  We find for Plaintiff Patricia Skeeters

NO  We find for Defendant Russell W. Farmer, M.D.

*Thomas Edison*

Foreperson (if unanimous)

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Members of the jury (if not unanimous)

**Please proceed to Instruction No. 3.**

### **INSTRUCTION NO. 3**

It was the duty of Russell W. Farmer, M.D., acting as an employee of University of Louisville Physicians, Inc., to obtain Patricia Skeeters's informed consent before surgery.

"Informed consent" shall be deemed to have been given where (a) the action of Dr. Russell Farmer in obtaining the consent of the patient was in accordance with the accepted standard of medical practice among members of the profession with similar training and experience; and (b) a reasonable individual, from the information provided by Dr. Russell Farmer, would have a general understanding of the procedure and medically acceptable alternative procedures or treatments and substantial risks and hazards inherent in the proposed treatment or procedures which are recognized among other health care providers who perform similar treatments or procedures.

If you are satisfied from the evidence that Dr. Russell Farmer failed to comply with this duty and that such failure was a substantial factor in causing Patricia Skeeters's injury, you will find for Plaintiff; otherwise, you will find for Dr. Russell Farmer.

**Instruction No. 3 is continued on the next page.**

**INSTRUCTION NO. 3 CONTINUED**

Are you satisfied from the evidence that Dr. Russell Farmer failed to comply with this duty, and that such failure was a substantial factor in causing Patricia Skeeters's injury?

YES  We find for Plaintiff Patricia Skeeters

NO  We find for Defendant Russell W. Farmer, M.D.

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Foreperson (if unanimous)

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Members of the jury (if not unanimous)

**If you answered "No" to Instruction No. 2 and if you answered "No" to Instruction No. 3, you have found for Dr. Russell Farmer. Please proceed to Verdict Form A.**

**Otherwise, please proceed to Instruction No. 4.**

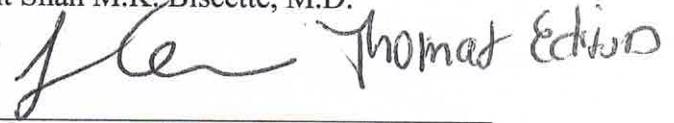
**INSTRUCTION NO. 4**

It was the duty of Shan M.K. Biscette, M.D., acting as an employee of University of Louisville Physicians, Inc., in treating Patricia Skeeters, to exercise the degree of care and skill expected of a reasonably competent physician specializing in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery and acting under similar circumstances. If you are satisfied from the evidence that Dr. Shan Biscette failed to comply with this duty and that such failure was a substantial factor in causing Patricia Skeeters's injury, you will find for Plaintiff; otherwise, you will find for Dr. Shan Biscette.

Are you satisfied from the evidence that Dr. Shan Biscette failed to comply with this duty, and that such failure was a substantial factor in causing Patricia Skeeters's injury?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ We find for Plaintiff Patricia Skeeters

NO  \_\_\_\_\_ We find for Defendant Shan M.K. Biscette, M.D.

  
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Members of the jury (if not unanimous)

**Please proceed to Instruction No. 5.**

**INSTRUCTION NO. 5**

It was the duty of Shan M.K. Biscette, M.D., acting as an employee of University of Louisville Physicians, Inc., to obtain Patricia Skeeters's informed consent before surgery.

"Informed consent" shall be deemed to have been given where (a) the action of Dr. Shan Biscette in obtaining the consent of the patient was in accordance with the accepted standard of medical practice among members of the profession with similar training and experience; and (b) a reasonable individual, from the information provided by Dr. Shan Biscette, would have a general understanding of the procedure and medically acceptable alternative procedures or treatments and substantial risks and hazards inherent in the proposed treatment or procedures which are recognized among other health care providers who perform similar treatments or procedures.

If you are satisfied from the evidence that Dr. Shan Biscette failed to comply with this duty and that such failure was a substantial factor in causing Patricia Skeeters's injury, you will find for Plaintiff; otherwise, you will find for Dr. Shan Biscette.

**Instruction No. 5 is continued on the next page.**

**INSTRUCTION NO. 5 CONTINUED**

Are you satisfied from the evidence that Dr. Shan Biscette failed to comply with this duty, and that such failure was a substantial factor in causing Patricia Skeeters's injury?

YES  We find for Plaintiff Patricia Skeeters

NO  We find for Defendant Shan M.K. Biscette, M.D.

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Foreperson (if unanimous)

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Members of the jury (if not unanimous)

**If you answered "No" to Instruction No. 4 and if you answered "No" to Instruction No. 5, you have found for Dr. Shan Biscette. Please proceed to Verdict Form B.**

**Otherwise, please proceed to Instruction No. 6.**

**INSTRUCTION NO. 6**

If you find for Plaintiff Patricia Skeeters, you will determine from the evidence and award her a sum of money that will fairly and reasonably compensate her for whatever necessary and reasonable expenses for medical services you are satisfied from the evidence she has incurred as a direct result of her injury.

**Please proceed to Verdict Form C.**

**INSTRUCTION NO. 7**

If you find for Plaintiff, Patricia Skeeters, you will determine from the evidence and award her a sum of money that will fairly and reasonably compensate her for whatever physical or mental suffering you are satisfied from the evidence she has sustained or is reasonably certain to sustain in the future as a direct result of her injury.

**Please proceed to Verdict Form D.**

**INSTRUCTION NO. 8**

If you have found for Plaintiff Patricia Skeeters against both Russell W. Farmer, M.D. and Shan M.K. Biscette, M.D., you will determine from the evidence and indicate in the blank spaces below what percentage of the total fault was attributable to the failure of each of them to comply with his or her respective duties, as follows:

Russell W. Farmer, M.D.

90 %

Shan M.K. Biscette, M.D.

10 %

**Total**

**100%**

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Foreperson (if unanimous)

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Members of the Jury  
(If Not Unanimous)

**Please notify the Deputy Sheriff that your deliberations have concluded.**

**VERDICT FORM A**

We, the Jury, find for the Defendant, Dr. Russell Farmer, under Instruction Nos. 2 and 3.

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Members of the jury (if not unanimous)

**Please proceed to Instruction No. 4.**

**VERDICT FORM B**

We, the Jury, find for the Defendant, Dr. Shan Biscette, under Instruction Nos. 4 and 5.

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Members of the jury (if not unanimous)

**If you have found for both Dr. Russell Farmer (on Verdict Form A) and for Dr. Shan Biscette (on this Verdict Form B), please notify the Deputy Sheriff that your deliberations have concluded.**

**Otherwise, please proceed to Instruction No. 6.**

**VERDICT FORM C**

If you find for Plaintiff Patricia Skeeters, you will determine from the evidence and award her a sum of money that will fairly compensate her for whatever necessary and reasonable expenses for medical services you are satisfied from the evidence she has incurred as a direct result of her injury:

Patricia Skeeters's reasonable past medical expenses (Not to exceed \$620,916.65, the amount claimed)

\$620,916.65

JA Thomas Edison  
Foreperson (if unanimous)

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Members of the Jury  
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**Please proceed to Instruction No. 7.**

**VERDICT FORM D**

If you find for Plaintiff, Patricia Skeeters, you will determine from the evidence and award her a sum of money that will fairly and reasonably compensate her for whatever physical or mental suffering you are satisfied from the evidence she has sustained or is reasonably certain to sustain in the future as a direct result of her injury:

Patricia Skeeters's pain and suffering:

\$ 20 million

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Foreperson (if unanimous)

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Members of the Jury  
(If Not Unanimous)

**Please proceed to Verdict Form E.**

**VERDICT FORM E**

If you find for Patricia Skeeters, you will determine from the evidence and award Micah Skeeters a sum of money that will fairly and reasonably compensate him for whatever loss of services, assistance, aid, society, companionship, and conjugal relationship of Patricia Skeeters you believe he has sustained or is reasonably certain to sustain in the future as a direct result of Patricia Skeeters's injury:

Micah Skeeters's loss of consortium                      \$ 10 million  
*fa* Thomas Edison  
Foreperson (if unanimous)

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Members of the Jury  
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**If you have found against both Dr. Russell Farmer and Dr. Shan Biscette please proceed to Instruction No. 8.**

**Otherwise, please inform the Sheriff Deputy your deliberations have concluded.**