

Jones filed suit after his son, Lee Forbes Jones, a mental patient at the Hospital, eloped and committed suicide. A jury found the Hospital negligent, awarded Jones \$750,000 in damages and Lee's estate \$5 million. The jury apportioned liability as 95% to the Hospital and 5% to Lee. After applying the statutory cap and apportioning the damages, the trial court entered judgment against the Hospital for \$167,270.30 in favor of Jones, and \$1,118,975.60 in favor of Lee's estate. The Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment of the trial court. See *West Oaks Hospital Inc. v. Jones*, 2001 WL 83528 (Tex.App.–Houston [1st Dist.] 2005). The attorney's fees were approximately \$ 1 million and the expenses were \$77,300. The remainder of the proceeds were tendered to the clients.

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