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### LIGHTFOOT SECURES FAVORABLE JUDGMENT FOR ALABAMA CARDIOLOGIST IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE TRIAL

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Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC attorneys **Laura Peck**, **Rachel Lary** and **Amie Vague** obtained a judgment as a matter of law on behalf of a cardiologist following the close of plaintiff's case in a jury trial in Dale County, Alabama. The wrongful death medical malpractice claim alleged that the physician improperly prescribed a drug that caused toxicity and the patient's death.

"From our opening statements to our cross-examination of their experts, we demonstrated that the facts did not support the plaintiff's accusations," said Rachel. "The plaintiff was unable to meet the burden of proof, and the judge agreed that their claims should be dismissed."

Amie, the youngest attorney on the trial team, argued the successful motion for judgment as a matter of law — a testament to Lightfoot's commitment to developing the next generation of trial lawyers.

The trial team also included **Taylor Flowers** of Lewis, Brackin, Flowers & Johnson of Dothan, Alabama.

Laura's career has been devoted to defending physicians and hospitals in medical malpractice cases and peer review matters. She has had the privilege of representing physicians and hospitals for more than 30 years and has tried more than 25 cases.

Rachel has been litigating for 13 years. In addition to defending doctors, she represents automotive and other product manufacturers in product liability claims. Her practice includes handling business litigation and estate and trust disputes.

Amie is in her fourth year of practice and maintains a varied practice that includes work on trial and appellate matters involving product liability, commercial litigation, employment law and medical malpractice.