

WYOMING DOCTOR SUED FOR MALPRACTICE AFTER 40 YEARS OF PRACTICE

Case Study

Asset Protection System prevents former patient from suing Doctor's practice for \$1,500,000.

Case Overview

A 40 year veteran dentist in Wyoming, one of the true pillars of his community, who loved his occupation was sued for malpractice and gross negligence.

Several years ago a patient with severe dental and medical problems came to the dentist for help. She had been to a number of dentists, but wasn't satisfied with their treatments. She sited the dentist's stellar reputation as the reason she came to him.

Over the course of six months the dentist tried to help her with a myriad of dental issues. However, the patient's progress was very slow because the patient failed to show up to appointments and did not follow the dentist's directions. She continuously complained about her ailments. After numerous stern lectures by the dentist, the patient stopped coming for treatments.

Several months later, in late afternoon, the doctor was served at his office with a lawsuit for malpractice and gross negligence. The lawsuit claimed the dentist's treatment failed to correct her problems and in fact, exacerbated certain medical problems, along with giving her several additional ailments. The lawsuit claimed damages for \$1,500,000.

Case Resolution

This particular dentist had spent a lot of money on estate planning over the years. However, one of his close advisors suggested he have our firm review his planning. We found nothing was maintained, assets had not been transferred, trusts had not been funded, and his operating entities were out of compliance.

He had gone through his entire practice lifecycle thinking he was protected, yet his entire estate had huge risk exposure. Within 30 days of our initial meeting we had restructured his estate into an *Asset Protection System*.

We received a call from the dentist, who happened to be in shock and disbelief. He couldn't believe that after 40 years of practice he was being sued for malpractice and gross negligence. He was very concerned because this was a large suit that alleged many things that he knew were not true. The doctor called our office because he knew we could help.

We suggested that we discuss his *Asset Protection System* with the opposing attorney prior to the dentist retaining a defense attorney.

We met with the opposing attorney and walked him through the Doctor's *Asset Protection System* for his estate. We demonstrated to the opposing attorney that even in the event he was successful in his suit, his client would have access to few of his assets. Shortly after answering the complaint, the lawsuit was dropped.



“Before using Travis and his team that put my Scorecard together, my personal and business structures were an absolute “train wreck,” just waiting for someone to dig their hands into my pockets. Now I can rest easier knowing that outside influences cannot penetrate the umbrella they created for me. The Asset Protection System works, I have experienced the benefits first hand.”

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