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Michael Johnson and Quinn Kelley of recently obtained a defense verdict after a 7-day jury trial in Hillsborough County Superior Court – Northern District (Manchester, NH). The case involved negligence claims as a result of a significant auto accident that occurred between the plaintiff and defendant ambulance company. Attorneys Johnson and Kelley were able to rebut the plaintiff's claims that the driver and his employer were solely negligent in the operation of the ambulance on the date in question. Attorneys Johnson and Kelley were able to show that plaintiff was 80% negligent for the accident.

The lawsuit arose out of an accident that occurred at an intersection in Manchester, NH as the ambulance was responding to an emergency call. The ambulance proceeded through a red light, which was permitted by state law, but was contrary to company standards, procedures and protocols, and City ordinances. As a result of the ambulance failing to stop and ensure that the intersection was safe, the defendant and plaintiff collided. The plaintiff alleged that as a result of this accident he suffered permanent injuries, as well as lost wages and loss of earning capacity. At trial, the plaintiffs' claimed damages in excess of \$200,000, and also made claims for pain and suffering and loss of enjoyment of life.

A total of 14 witnesses, including experts testified in the matter. After two hours of deliberation, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.