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Saxton & Stump attorneys successfully defended two emergency medicine physicians accused of negligence

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After a 5-day jury trial, we successfully defended two emergency medicine physicians accused of negligence for an alleged delay in diagnosis of an occlusion of the popliteal artery which subsequently caused a complete loss of blood flow to the right foot and a need for an above-the-knee amputation. Our emergency medicine physician expert testified that the standard of care for emergency care physicians is to treat acute, life-threatening issues. In this case, the Plaintiff's complaint of bilateral leg pain over the course of a 5 week period was indicative of a chronic

issue which necessitated treatment by a primary care physician. Additionally, our vascular surgeon expert testified that there were no signs of critical limb ischemia seen at the time the patient was treated by our emergency medicine physicians. There was additional evidence and testimony which showed that the patient was twice referred to her primary care physician for necessary follow-up which the patient failed to do. After approximately 2 hours of deliberations, the jury returned a verdict in favor of our emergency medicine physicians finding no negligence.

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