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Many law firms have been slow to adopt new technologies to improve business function and stay competitive. Attorney Yao Dinizulu talks about how he has taken full advantage of technology upgrades to

produce flashier courtroom presentations, conduct research faster and cheaper, and even capture better verdicts and settlements in "Tech Watch: Your Guide To Business Solutions." [Read the full story here.](#)

Attorneys partially Settles Case for 2.35 Million

A 49-year-old Chicago woman died after repeated requests for treatment were denied at Advocate Christ Hospital and Medical Center in Oak Lawn.

In February, attorneys Yao O. Dinizulu and Jesse V. Harris partially settled a medical malpractice lawsuit against Advocate Christ Hospital and Medical Center in Oak Lawn and attending physician Dr. Warren Robinson for \$2.35 million in a fatal case of medical negligence.

Sheila Jones, a 49-year-old woman with a history of heart problems, died Dec. 11, 2004, after repeated requests for emergency treatment were ignored by hospital staff and her attending physician.

On the afternoon of Dec. 9, 2004, Ms. Jones was taken to Advocate Christ Hospital from her job with the Chicago Board of Education by ambulance due to chest pain. The pain had been continuous for some 7 or 8 hours before Ms. Jones received aspirin and nitroglycerin from paramedics on the way to the hospital.

A resident in the hospital's emergency department noted at about 4:55 p.m. that Ms. Jones had a history of aortic dissection and that she complained of pain in the left shoulder and scapular areas. The resident also noted that her blood pressure was elevated, and he ordered a computed tomography scan of Ms. Jones' chest.

A physician in the emergency department received the preliminary radiology report, which indicated that the CT Scan had been done without contrast due to the patient's elevated creatinine level. The report indicated further that "aneurismal prominence of the descending thoracic aorta is noted."

According to the report, Ms. Jones' descending thoracic aorta measured up to 5.4 centimeters, nearly twice the normal size, and that "internal intimal injury cannot be excluded presently."

The radiologist recommended a transesophageal echocardiograph to address concern about the aortic dissection. But no physician ordered the transesophageal echocardiograph, nor did a physician request a "STAT" consultation with a cardiologist or a cardiothoracic surgeon.

The next day, Ms. Jones' pain escalated but the defendant failed to connect her with an appropriate physician. Around midnight on Dec. 10, Ms. Jones called her son, Willis, to report she was in terrible pain and that no one at the hospital was treating her. She asked her son to call the hospital to convince someone that she needed to see a physician. He called the hospital's general telephone number and explained his mother's condition to the receptionist. Dr. Warren Robinson, the on call attending physician, did not return urgent phone calls from the hospital's nurses about Ms. Jones' escalating pain, because he was apparently sleeping. The nurses, in turn, failed to route Ms. Jones' urgent care issues to any of the appropriate hospital administrators.

At 5:40 a.m., a medical technician entered Ms. Jones' room and found her unresponsive. Her heart rate was less than 30 beats per minute. Ms. Jones was pronounced dead on Dec. 11. She was survived by four adult children.

There are other aspects yet to be settled about the case including whether the cardiothoracic surgeons who were informed of Ms. Jones' condition timely and appropriately responded or advised on MS Jones' condition.

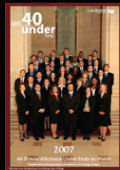
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Snow and ice removal can be a slippery slope

Removing snow and ice promptly from roads, sidewalks, driveways and parking lots is more than a neighborly courtesy. Some communities have ordinances requiring property owners to remove freshly fallen snow within hours. In some cases, failure to do so can result in fines.

Far worse: A fatality

For property owners and pedestrians, the consequences of failing to remove snow and ice can be far worse. In one case, a woman slipped and fell on ice in an apartment

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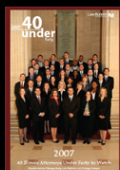
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complex parking lot and broke her ankle. She subsequently died two months later from a blood clot resulting from the fractured ankle. She was survived by three minor and three grown children. Her estate's lawyer successfully sued the property's owners for failing to clear the snow that later turned to ice from the parking lot.

What to do if you fall?

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