

STATEMENT OF CASE

Plaintiff, Sandra Szell underwent extensive back surgery at Morristown Medical Center on January 12, 2015 to treat a number of chronic back maladies including recurrent spinal stenosis and scoliosis. Ten days later, on January 22, 2015, Ms. Szell was transferred to Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation for acute in-patient rehabilitation. It is alleged that Ms. Szell sustained a spinal cord injury that resulted from assistance provided by Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation employees, Ronald Thomas, Agnes Blaszczyk, and/or Laura Priester as they assisted her from a toilet to wheelchair on January 24, 2015. The defendant medical provider and its employees deny that there was any negligence and contend that their assistance and care was in accordance with accepted standards of care.