

## ***DEFENSE VERDICT IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ACTION***

*Sheets v. Babson*, First Judicial District, Laramie County (December 8, 2009)

Plaintiff underwent a vasectomy in the office of his family physician. Following the procedure plaintiff complained of pain and testicular atrophy, which he attributed to an alleged surgical injury to the testicular artery. Plaintiff based his complaint on lack of informed consent as well as negligent treatment. The defense asserted that plaintiff had received appropriate pre-procedure counseling regarding the usual risks and benefits of the procedure, that the surgery was performed properly and that there was no injury to the testicular artery. The defense argues that any alleged chronic complaints were attributed to plaintiff's failure to follow up with treatment for post-surgical orchitis or inflammation, a known complication of vasectomies. The jury rendered a verdict for the defense after a six day trial finding that the plaintiff gave informed consent and that the defendant was not negligent.

George Powers and Deb Kellam handled this case.