

Case Summary

On August 3, 2011, McCathern associate and first chair trial counsel Rob Weitzel, together with McCathern partner Paul Grinke, successfully obtained a jury verdict in favor of their client, Dr. Faisal Wasi, against Moody Gardens in Galveston County, Texas District Court. Dr. Wasi is a physician in Stigler, Oklahoma who was injured while vacationing with his family at the Moody Gardens amusement park in Galveston, Texas.

On May 24, 2008, Dr. Wasi was standing at the bottom of a water park slide when he was hit from behind by another individual participating in water park activities at Moody Gardens. Dr. Wasi had come down the slide as directed by the personnel on duty at the top of the slide. Before he could exit the pool at the bottom of the slide, another person was allowed to come down the slide, striking Dr. Wasi and causing him fall and break the humerus bone in his left arm. Dr. Wasi incurred medical expenses for the treatment and long rehabilitation to correct his broken arm. Furthermore, Dr. Wasi was unable to practice medicine for a significant period of time at the ER, hospital, and clinic in Stigler, Oklahoma where his services benefit the local citizenry.

Mr. Weitzel and Mr. Grinke filed suit on behalf of Dr. Wasi against Moody Gardens in the 122nd Judicial District Court in Galveston County, Texas. On August 1, 2011 the case was called to trial. The trial lasted two and a half days. Twelve jurors heard the evidence and arguments of counsel, decided the case, and determined that Moody Gardens was liable. The jury specifically found that Moody Gardens' negligence proximately caused Dr. Wasi's injuries. Additionally, the jury awarded medical expenses and lost wages to Dr. Wasi.