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# Sandberg Phoenix Records a 2013 Missouri Top Verdict

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Russell Makepeace and Alexander Bean were recently recognized for receiving one of the ten largest defense verdicts in Missouri in 2013.

In its annual listing of the top Verdicts and Settlements statewide, *Missouri Lawyers Media* featured Sandberg Phoenix at number eight in the Top Defense Wins of 2013. Defending a wrongful death suit against a local hospital, Shareholder Russell Makepeace and Associate Alexander Bean established that the patient had received optimal care in the face of an incurable illness. The jury then rejected plaintiff's demand for \$2.3 million, finding that the hospital was not liable for the patient's death.

"We are always grateful for our clients' trust in allowing us to defend these complex cases," said Makepeace. "Being recognized for the result like this is just an added bonus."

Sandberg Phoenix represents 23 of the top 25 hospitals throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area and southern Illinois. The firm has handled more than 5,000 malpractice suits, defending hospitals, physicians, nurses, nursing homes and other health care institutions throughout Missouri and Illinois. Sandberg Phoenix has earned the reputation for having some of the most experienced, talented and resourceful medical malpractice defense attorneys.

Sandberg Phoenix also represents physicians, nurses, chiropractors and other health care providers in contract negotiations and in proceedings before the Board of Registration. The Sandberg Phoenix team assists our health care institutions with their corporate legal work to include preparation of bylaws, compliance with HIPAA, Medicare and other federal and state regulations, guardianship issues and federal income tax issues relating to tax-exempt and for-profit providers.

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