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*Diana Hix v. Red Mountain
Anesthesiologists and Brian Delisio,*¹⁹
Maricopa County Superior Court,
CV2007-005171

This was a medical malpractice case. John Hix was a 46-year-old human resource director who went in for gastric bypass surgery. Alexander Villares was the surgeon and Brian Delisio was the anesthesiologist. Complications developed, and after two additional surgeries over the next four days, Hix died. The Hix family alleged that Delisio fell below the standard of care when he failed to order appropriate post-operative blood testing, failed to engage in direct physician-to-physician contact with the surgeon (Villares), and failed to ensure that the nursing staff and surgeon communicated adequately. The Hix family asked for more than \$4.5 million. Red Mountain Anesthesiologists and Delisio alleged that blood tests were not required, and the death was due to the malpractice of the surgeon and the nursing staff.