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The Arizona state flag is shown waving on a flagpole against a blue, textured background. The flag features a red field with a yellow sunburst in the center, a blue field with a white star, and a red field with a yellow sunburst. The flagpole is visible on the left side of the image.

Top 10 Civil Verdicts

F *Janie Torrio v. Joseph Abdo and Daniel Randall,*²⁴ Gila County

Superior Court, CV20070149

Francie Luz, age 67, underwent surgery to remove material from the inside of her carotid artery, developed hypertension and then died of a stroke. Her family claimed she developed hyperperfusion syndrome of the brain (hypertension and doubling of blood flow to the brain), causing her death by stroke. The family claimed the surgeon Joseph Abdo and the nurse anesthetist Daniel Randall mismanaged her blood pressure and that the stroke occurred post-operatively. They asked the jury to award up to \$6 million to her six children. Abdo and Randall defended that they managed her blood pressure properly and met the standard of care, that this was a known risk of the surgery, and that the stroke occurred

during the surgery after an instrument being held by another nurse slipped and severed the carotid artery.