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IN THE NEWS

IN CIRCUIT COURT

A Cook County jury returned a \$5.4 million verdict for the family of a woman who died last year from complications of injuries she suffered in a December 1997 automobile crash.

Elizabeth Galvan was seriously injured when the car she was riding in failed to stop at a construction zone in which the Cermak Road bridge over the Chicago River was out, according to the lawsuit. The car, driven by Galvan's cousin, Frank Sanchez, plunged 25 to 40 feet into a construction pit. Sanchez, one of the defendants in the case, had a blood alcohol content more than twice the legal limit when tested after the crash.

Plaintiff attorneys **Mark E. McNabola** and **Alice E. Dolan** of Cogan & McNabola P.C. argued that Baker Heavy & Highway, the general contractor on the construction project, failed to block off the roadway with concrete barriers.

John O'Donnell and **Patrick Cullinan** of Belgrade & O'Donnell represented Baker Heavy & Highway. **James Stamos** and **Jenni Young** of Stamos & Trucco represented Sanchez.

Judge **Richard J. Elrod** presided over the trial, which concluded Monday.

Galvan v. Baker Heavy & Highway Inc., et al., No. 98 L 13505.