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RONNIE MABRA AND CO-COUNSEL SECURE \$6 MILLION SETTLEMENT FOLLOWING SHOOTING DEATH OF CHILD AT A DANGEROUS APARTMENT COMPLEX

ATLANTA, JANUARY 9, 2025 -- Mabra Law's founder and managing partner, Ronnie Mabra, and co-counsel Jeb Butler and Matthew Kahn of Butler Kahn have obtained a \$6 million wrongful death and negligent security case settlement to the family of a young girl who was killed when a stray bullet ripped through her bedroom. Clayton County State Court Judge Tammi Hayward presided over the case.

Eleven-year-old Ashley Jones and her sister were asleep in their mother's apartment when a gunfight erupted outside of the building. The bullet did not hit its intended target but, instead, shot through the bedroom window, hitting Ashley.

At issue was the failure by the apartment complex's owners to provide residents with adequate security and safety measures, even after acknowledging that numerous violent crimes, shootings and gang activities had occurred on the property.

The plaintiff's team overcame numerous challenges to its ultimate recovery of the commercial property's full \$6 million limit. After detangling a liability-obscuring tree of corporate shell entities, they employed a consumer protection statute to nullify an assault-and-battery policy exclusion that would have capped the available insurance at a \$500,000 sub-limit.

"Unraveling the owners' corporate shell game was critical," Kahn said. "Once we proved that the owners' supposedly unrelated company was actually calling the shots at the apartment complex, the case settled."

"I'm proud of this result and pleased that the settlement funds will be put to good use for our client's family through the long-term annuity structure that she has chosen," Mabra said. "We thank Judge Hayward and her staff for their time and attention to this case."

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