

\$3.5 Million Erb's Palsy Settlement Secured by Zayed Law Ties Illinois State Record

Confidential Cook County birth injury settlement provides lifelong support for a child who sustained permanent damage to the right arm

CHICAGO, Sept. 28, 2026 - [Zayed Law](#) announced today that attorneys Adam J. Zayed and Julian D. Hoshell secured a \$3.5 million settlement on behalf of a child who sustained [Erb's palsy](#) during birth. According to the Jury Verdict Reporter, the confidential settlement ties the Illinois state record for a settlement in this type of case prior to trial.

The lawsuit alleged that an obstetrician used excessive force and applied excessive lateral traction while addressing the shoulder dystocia during delivery. The newborn suffered a brachial plexus injury that caused permanent deformity, disfigurement, dysfunction, and limited use of the right arm.

The Cook County matter was resolved for \$3.5 million, with \$2.5 million contributed on behalf of the defendant hospital and \$1 million contributed on behalf of the defendant obstetrician.

"This result reflects the life-changing consequences a preventable birth injury can have on a child and an entire family," said [Adam J. Zayed](#), founder of Zayed Law. "No settlement can undo that harm, but this recovery will help provide access to care, therapy and support the child may need throughout life. We were honored to advocate for this family and secure a resolution that recognizes the seriousness of the injury."

[Erb's palsy](#) is a form of brachial plexus birth injury that can occur when the network of nerves controlling the shoulder, arm and hand is damaged. The severity and long-term effects vary, but affected children may experience weakness, loss of motion, impaired function, or permanent disability.

Because the settlement is confidential, the identities of the child, family, hospital and obstetrician will not be disclosed.

[Zayed Law](#) remains committed to advocate for individuals and families harmed by medical negligence and continues its work to advance accountability and improve patient care nationwide.

About Zayed Law

[Zayed Law](#) is a personal injury and medical malpractice law firm representing individuals and families in Illinois, [Florida](#) and nationwide. Founded by trial attorney [Adam J. Zayed](#), the firm handles birth injury, medical malpractice, catastrophic injury, wrongful death and other complex cases. Zayed Law prepares every case with a trial-ready approach and is committed to helping clients pursue accountability and meaningful compensation.

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