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Press Release

Curt Webb of Beck, Redden & Secrest Helps Secure Favorable Judgment for Injured Minor in Abilene, Texas

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Curt Webb, Partner, Beck, Redden & Secrest, L.L.P., Houston, helped to secure a victory for a minor involved in a job related accident in Abilene, Texas on June 21, 2007.

Following a 2-week trial, a jury returned a verdict for \$12,470,000 for an 18-year old whose hands were crushed in a job related accident.

On June 3, 2005, then 16-year-old Preston Teel reported to work for his 3rd day at his summer job as a helper at Rentech Steel. Despite Labor Code provisions prohibiting a minor from working in such situations, the minor was instructed to clean the moving rollers on a machine designated to bend and shape steel. The boy's hands were caught up and dragged into the rollers, resulting in severe crushing injuries to both hands. He has since undergone 19 surgical procedures. Plaintiffs reached a confidential settlement with 3 Defendants for an undisclosed amount prior to trial.

The Plaintiff was represented by Steve Clack of Kerrville along with Mr. Webb. Blake Hyde with McCathern Mooty of Dallas and Roy Longacre with the Abilene firm of Wagstaff, Alvis, Stubbeman, Seamster & Longacre, L.L.P. represented Rentech Steel. Judge Quay Parker presided over the trial.

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