

Labor/Delivery: Nurses Did Not Advocate.

The patient was seen by the nurses in the outpatient maternity clinic the day before induction was scheduled at 42 weeks. The cervix was thick and closed and she was not having contractions.

The next day when she came in for induction they put on a monitor and got a fetal heartbeat, but it disappeared a few hours later. The baby was delivered still-born by emergency cesarean.

The jury in the Circuit Court, Kenton County, Kentucky refused to fault the nurses for not advocating for an earlier cesarean, as opposed to induced vaginal delivery. The patient's morbid obesity rendered anything short of an emergency cesarean a very troublesome proposition. **Jameson v. Kirkwood, 2009 WL 1110283 (Cir. Ct. Kenton Co., Kentucky, February 6, 2009).**