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Court of Appeals of Georgia
Expedited Remote Admission
ADMISSION APPLICATION

3 October

Bar Number: 207142

Date Admitted to State Bar: November 2013

Requested Admission Date 10/13/2016

To the Honorable Court of Appeals of Georgia:

The petitioner, having been regularly admitted and licensed to practice law in the superior courts of this State, and being a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia, respectfully applies for admission to the bar of this Court. Attorneys must register in the Court of Appeals EFAST system after being admitted.

Last Name: Breault First Name: Christopher Middle Name: Ryan

Signature: [Signature]

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Sponsor Certification

We hereby certify that we are members of the bar of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, that we know the above applicant personally and that her/his private and professional character is good.

Bar Number: 523150

Printed Name: W. Donald Morgan Jr.

Signature: [Signature]

Bar Number: 004020

Printed Name: J. Mark Sheffert

Signature: [Signature]

FOR CLERK'S OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of Admission: 13 OCT 2016

Admission by: Clerk [Signature] Judge _____ Other _____

Mr. Breault came in the clerk's office on 7 February 2017 and paid in cash.

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Young Lawyer Wins \$7M for Client Injured in Transport Van Crash

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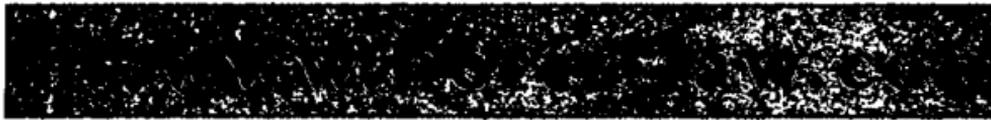
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Medical Malpractice
Vehicle Accidents
Celebrity Assaults



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BIRTH INJURY



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The collision knocked the van over and left Bigmall, now 62, with multiple injuries including four broken ribs.

Bigmall was treated for trauma at Columbus Medical Center, then spent several weeks at a rehabilitation center. The pickup's driver, Perry Solomon, was charged with failure to yield.

Breault said Bigmall had been diagnosed with end-stage kidney disease several years earlier, and the disease complicated her ability to heal. "She had a hard time walking after the wreck," said Breault. "She was also having trouble breathing, and that developed into pneumonia."

Solomon was also seriously injured and was trapped in the driver's seat with an open fracture to his forearm.

In 2013, Columbus solo Mark Jones filed suit on Bigmall's behalf in Muscogee County State Court, naming Golden Doughnuts and Solomon as defendants. In 2015, he associated Breault into the case, and Breault handled the case going forward.

He said that two mediations failed to resolve the dispute.

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ligent entrustment, hiring, retention and supervision but, before Breault became involved, Judge Ben Richardson dismissed those claims.

Breault's investigation revealed that Solomon had two prior DUI and two open container arrests on his record, and had been involved in prior accidents. It also emerged that Solomon had told hospital staffers that he drank 12 to 18 beers a day.

Ruling on Breault's motion to set aside, Richardson vacated his earlier dismissal and the negligent hiring and other counts were restored to the complaint, along with counts for punitive damages against both defendants.

During a one-week trial, Breault introduced testimony from the emergency medical technicians who tended to Solomon on the morning of the wreck, both of whom said they thought he was intoxicated.

Breault elicited testimony from University of Georgia College of Pharmacy professor Randall Tackett, who said that if Solomon had drunk an 18-pack the evening before, his blood alcohol content would have been .08—legally drunk—at the time of 6:15 a.m. wreck.

During closing arguments, Breault said he asked for \$4 million in general damages and \$49,000 for medical expenses.

The jury took roughly five hours to award \$7,049,732. Breault said conversation with the jurors indicated that they had been angered by what they considered misleading testimony by a defense witness.

Breault, who dropped out of high school in the 10th grade and graduated last in his class at the University of Georgia School of Law, said the trial was his second as lead attorney; the first, a false imprisonment trial last year, ended with a \$150,000 verdict for his client. ☐



left) was hired by chief legal officer Megha Parekh to help with the team's expanding franchise.

hat as the CEO and founder of Spysie Tech, a web design agency that she now runs with her boyfriend, Danny McBride. They consult with different types of people such as lawyers, hair stylists and marketing firms. It was a venture that started out as a "side gig" and evolved into a full-time business.

McBride runs the day-to-day operations, but Sadowitz consults on a regular basis. "It's important to me to stay connected and contribute to the small business community," she says. ☺

Stephanie Forshee reports for Corporate Counsel, an ALM affiliate of the Daily Report.

Thursday, Nov 18.

The Court of Appeals
47 Trinity Avenue NW, Suite 501
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STEVE E. CASTLEN
CLERK AND COURT ADMINISTRATOR

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November 3, 2016

Christopher Ryan Breault, Esq.
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RE: Removal from Bar of the Court of Appeals of Georgia and Reported to
Georgia Bar Association

Dear Mr. Breault:

Unless payment is received within 5 business days of the date of this letter, your name and bar number will be removed from the roll of attorneys permitted to practice in the Bar of the Court of Appeals of Georgia due to non-payment of the \$230.00 Expedited Remote Admission fee. The delinquency will also be immediately reported to the Georgia Bar.

Please forward your original Expedited Remote Admission Application and the filing fee as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Steve E. Castlen
Clerk/Court Administrator
Court of Appeals of Georgia

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October 24, 2016

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RE: Expedited Remote Admission Application

Dear Mr. Breault:

On October 13, 2016, you were admitted to the Bar of the Court of Appeals expedited remote admission over the phone. In that agreement, you stated you would forward the original admission form with original signatures, as well as, the \$230.00 expedited admission fee.

Perhaps it is an oversight that we have not received the original expedited admission form nor \$230.00 admission fee as of the date of this letter.

Once you send the form and fee, we will send you your certificate in the return mail. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Clerk/Court Administrator
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Phoned on 3 November 2016; they will
be calling back w an answer.
