

# The Bar Takes On the Bars

## Lyle's Trials

*Kimberlee K. Walsh, Trustee for the heirs and next of kin of William M. Walsh III, deceased, William Walsh IV, Samantha K. Walsh, and Jessica L. Walsh, a minor, by her mother and natural guardian, Kimberlee K. Walsh, Plaintiffs, v. Sumick, Inc., Arthur's Riverfront Properties, Inc., and Zachary Mason Ourada, Defendants.*

**W**hen Nye's Polonaise Room doorman Billy Walsh was gunned down by an intoxicated patron in 2005, his three children went after the three Minneapolis bars that served booze to the murderer earlier that night. A wrongful-death and dram shop liability suit against Lyle's Bar and Restaurant, Moose on Monroe and Spring Street Bar & Grill alleged that 26-year-old Zachary Ourada was "obviously intoxicated" and illegally served on the night of the shooting. (The claims against Spring Street were later dismissed.)

"They lost a very, very important person in their life and it was devastating to three

children who were still in high school at the time," says Walsh family attorney Kate Westad of Lommen Abdo. "For these three kids, what they were looking for was a recognition that they had lost someone who they sincerely loved and cared about."

The dram shop liability portion of the lawsuit was confidentially resolved "to the mutual satisfaction of everyone" in June 2008, Westad says. The wrongful-death claims were decided by a default judgment against Ourada for more than \$1 million in July 2008. A punitive damages claim is pending. Ourada is currently serving a 36-year prison sentence at Rush City.

— Jessica Thompson

## Last Call for Sidelines

*Jenny Ann Haag, as trustee, for the heirs and next-of-kin of Amanda Lea Jax, deceased v. Blattner Enterprises Inc., d/b/a Sidelines Bar & Grill, Hannah Marie Becker, Richard Thomas Johnson, Per David Kvalsten, Kathryn Ann Lensing, Jonathan Robert McIntyre, and ABC Bonding Company*

**B**ecause her friends didn't call for help, Amanda Jax died of alcohol poisoning on her 21st birthday. That's the argument attorneys Alan Milavetz and Chad Schulze of Milavetz Gallop & Milavetz are making in a wrongful-death and dram shop liability suit against Sidelines Bar and Grill in Mankato—accused of over-serving an obviously intoxicated Jax—and the five friends who were partying with her that night in October 2007.

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### THREATENING TO MOVE TO CANADA

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### IN ALL SERIOUSNESS

Read senior editor Ross Pfund's article about Bill White's book, or he's out of here.

### BUMPING INTO GOV. TIM PAWLENTY IN A SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

University of Minnesota Ph.D. student Mark Hoffman did just that and had questions handy.

### L&P TIPS ITS CAP

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