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\$100 Million Victory Against Dr. Berto Lopez: GRYC Holds Notorious Doctor Accountable for Life-Altering Injury to Newborn

In a significant legal development, Gary Cohen, Aimee Ferrer, and the team at Grossman Roth Yaffa Cohen (GRYC) secured a \$100 million verdict against Dr. Berto Lopez, marking the largest verdict of Mr. Cohen's esteemed career seeking justice for people harmed by the medical system. The case centers on a young boy, who suffered life-altering injuries due to a botched circumcision performed by Berto Lopez, M.D.

Berto Lopez, whose medical license was previously restricted and then revoked due to multiple allegations of negligence, continued to perform procedures with disastrous outcomes. The baby was just ten days old at the time of the procedure, was left permanently injured when Lopez negligently severed an artery during the circumcision, leading to excessive bleeding and a disfiguring injury.

The family, trusting their midwife's recommendation, sought Dr. Lopez's services, believing the circumcision would be routine. Instead, they found themselves in a harrowing situation that no parent should have to endure.

The baby's injury has led to severe, lifelong consequences, profoundly impacting both his and his family's future.

Gary Cohen, who has been pursuing justice against Dr. Lopez for years, took on the case as part of his broader effort to hold the doctor accountable for his repeated malpractice. "This isn't just about the money—it's about doing what's right and ensuring he can't hurt anyone else," Cohen stated.

Aimee Ferrer, a partner at GRYC, worked closely with Cohen throughout the case, contributing her legal expertise to help secure the substantial verdict. Ferrer, reflecting on the case, said, "No amount of money will ever undo the harm done to the baby and his family, but they deserve every bit of justice this verdict delivers. This case is about more than just compensation; it's about accountability."

The \$100 million verdict will hopefully provide the family with the resources needed to care for their young son as he grows, while also sending a strong message about the consequences of medical negligence. For Cohen and Ferrer, the case represents a significant victory, not only legally but also morally, underscoring the importance of holding medical professionals accountable for their actions.

This verdict is part of a broader effort by GRYC to advocate for victims of medical malpractice and ensure that those responsible are brought to justice. As the family moves forward, they do so with the knowledge that their case has helped bring greater awareness to the serious consequences of medical negligence.

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