

# Lawyer Ignored Them for Three Years and Their \$2.8M Legal Malpractice Verdict Keeps Shrinking

“The court opined that a \$1.1 million judgment for Vernon and Donyell Walters was too high and that the trial court will have to try to find a more appropriate figure,” reports John O’Brien in *Legal Newsline*.

“The \$1.1 million figure, itself, was a reduction from the jury’s original \$2.8 million verdict, which the trial judge noted was more than what the Waters had asked for.”

“Vernon Walters hired Tadd Parsons to represent him and his wife in a lawsuit against Kansas City Southern Railway Company, but it was dismissed with prejudice in 2010 for failure to prosecute, failure to comply with discovery obligations and fraud upon the court.”

“Parsons did not relate what had happened with the case to his clients. Three years after its dismissal, with the Walters believing the case was still pending, Parsons fabricated a settlement offer of \$104,000 from KCSR and advised them to take it.”

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