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Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A.: a Trial in the Death of Raymond Schoberg Finally Opens in Palm Beach County Court

After Persevering for Eight Years, Attorneys at Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A., Present the Wrongful Death Case to a Jury

BOCA RATON, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Raymond Schoberg was not trained to operate a piece of equipment known as an asphalt road compactor, but that didn't stop his supervisor from assigning him the job. Within minutes of taking the controls, Mr. Schoberg was dead, crushed when the heavy machinery overturned on a muddy embankment in the sugarcane fields of South Bay.

Mr. Schoberg's death occurred in the early morning hours of Saturday, September 25, 1999. A wrongful death lawsuit was filed against his employer, the Hubbard Construction Company, on behalf of his wife and seven children. After eight years of ongoing litigation and appeals, the case is finally being heard by a jury. The trial opened in the Palm Beach County courtroom of Judge Diana Lewis on Monday, June 4, 2007.

According to a team of attorneys representing Mr. Schoberg's family, the trial is expected to last two weeks. The trial team consists of Carlos A. Bodden of Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A., Patrick W. Lawlor, Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer of The Law Offices of Patrick W. Lawlor in Fort Lauderdale, and Marc Bebergal, also of the Boca Raton-based firm of Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A.

The testimony will indicate there were serious problems with the particular asphalt road compactor Mr. Schoberg was assigned to operate. "The regular equipment operator refused to run the machine," Bodden explained before entering the courtroom, "It was not running properly and she told her foreman that she was in fear for her life." Instead of temporarily removing the equipment from operation for the necessary repairs, a company mechanic rigged the machine's engine throttle with a piece of wire.

"The Schoberg family has waited long enough," Bodden said, "Our goal now is to ensure they receive justice." A member of The Florida Justice Association, American Trial Lawyers Association and the Caribbean Bar Association and former Chairman of the Board for the Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches, Bodden has earned a reputation for zealously representing his clients' interests.

His associates on the case have also demonstrated a passion for the law in their dedicated representation of people who have been hurt through the negligence of others. Bebergal, who joined the firm of Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A., in early 2001, was active in the Guardian Ad Litem program from 1997 to 2004 and is a member of The Florida Bar as well as a member of the Bar for the United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida.

For more information in the case of *The Estate of Raymond Schoberg v. Hubbard Construction Company*, please call (561) 995-1966.

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