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Belinda Ehrlich v City of Chicago, Robert P. Sowa **02 M1 305083** Tried Oct. 13-14, 2004

VERDICT: **\$9,000 Verdict after \$10,000 Arbitration Award** JUDGE: Francis S. Dolan (IL Cook – 1st Muni Civil)
PLTF ATTYS: Sheldon J. Aberman of Goodman & Witanen (Park Ridge)
DEFT ATTYS: Barrett Elizabeth Rubens & Scott Jebson of Chicago Corporation
Counsel (Chicago) for Sowa & City of Chicago (SELF-INSURED)
PLTF MEDL: Roberto Diaz, M.D. (General Practice)

FACTS: Pltf was proceeding northbound on Broadway Street at or near its intersection with Rosedale Avenue. Deft., Sowa an employee of deft, City of Chicago, was operating a street sweeper, facing northbound on Broadway Street, parked in the northbound curb lane. After filling the sweeper with water at a nearby hydrant, deft, Sowa suddenly pulled the street sweeper into traffic to proceed in the opposite direction and turned into Pltf's path (\$5,622 medl. expense). Verdict of \$18,000 was reduced 50% for pltf negligence.