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In Circuit Court

Cook County Associate Judge **Ronald S. Davis** has approved a settlement of \$1 million for the estate of Brian R. Jensen, 28, who was killed in an industrial accident on Dec. 12, 2008, in the Earle M. Jorgensen Co. facility in Schaumburg.

Robert Langdon and **David A. Brose** of Langdon & Emison in Missouri were lead attorneys who represented the victim's parents, Robert and Mary Ann, and also the brother and sister in the case that was settled June 28.

According to the plaintiff lawyers, Jensen was a service technician for Kasto Inc., one of the defendants. He and his co-workers were doing maintenance and repairs on an automatic storage and retrieval system for steel products at the Jorgensen Co., another defendant. A manufacturer of the automatic storage and retrieval system, Kasto Maschinenbau GMBH & Co., was also a defendant. Jensen went to Bay 9 in the Jorgensen facility in Schaumburg to make an inspection. Without his knowledge, a gantry crane in a nearby aisle moved a "cassette" or large container for steel products toward him, pinning his head against an I-beam and killing him.

According to the plaintiff lawyers, defects in the design of Bay 9 allowed a person to enter an aisle without shutting down the operations of the crane in the nearby aisle. The plaintiff's lawyers also said they uncovered the fact that a critical, remote control safety device that workers could carry was never made known to Jensen or his co-workers prior to the accident. Efforts to reach the lead defense lawyers were unsuccessful.

Jensen v. Earle M. Jorgensen Co., et al., No. 09 L 2754.