

# SPINE DISORDERS OF ARIZONA

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To Whom It May Concern,

Since the 2022 malpractice judgment against me in Arizona, patients, referral doctors, and facilities have inquired about the judgment and why the jury ruled against me. For the last two years, I had chosen to stay quiet and not respond to the negative post about the case, praying that it would just go away.

I have been in practice as a Spine Surgeon for over 24 years and have enjoyed a wonderful God given reputation, excellent surgical skills, and excellent clinical results. I have lost only one lawsuit in the past 24 years, and relative to my high-risk specialty this is a small number. I was saddened and disappointed with the verdict rendered by the wonderful people who were selected to sit as jurors on this case. None of the final Jurors were in the medical field and they only took a small amount of time to review the tens of thousands of pages of medical records to verify the information both sides presented.

The case was reviewed by two examiners from the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, a dozen other spine surgeons, neurosurgeons, and neurologists, the Arizona Medical Board, and the Texas Medical Board, and no one found evidence of an error or divergence from the standard of medical care. The Arizona Medical Board correctly dismissed the allegations of malpractice, and the Texas Medical Board granted me an unrestricted license. I am always open to discussing the case outside of clinic hours with any patient or referring provider.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duane D. H. Pitt', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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