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Burlington, VT, January 2007: The November 2006 edition of *Pediatrics*, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics featured an article entitled *Daubert Opinion Requires Judge to Screen Scientific Evidence*. The article was co-authored by John "Jack" T. Sartore, senior litigator and Rebecca van Doren, former associate at Paul Frank + Collins.

The article, developed from a motion filed while defending Fletcher Allen Health Care, Vermont's largest hospital, discusses the critical issue of scientific testimony from an expert witness in a medical malpractice trial, specifically the concept of "relative risk" that often determines the causation issue in complex trials. The article is based on the U.S. Supreme Court's 1993 *Daubert* opinion that changed the standard for expert testimony from admittance if based on a well-recognized scientific principle that had gained general acceptance in its field to requiring trial judges to act as gatekeepers who screen expert testimony to ensure that it is both reliable and relevant before it is presented to a jury.

Mr. Sartore has an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, is listed in America's Leading Lawyers and the Best Lawyers in America. He is a member and Vermont State Chair of the American College of Trial Attorneys, one of the premier legal associations in America, composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada.

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