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Syracuse woman awarded \$678,000 for severed ankle nerves

Syracuse, NY - A Syracuse woman has been awarded \$678,000 in damages by a local jury for the severing of two nerves in her ankle during ankle surgery five years ago.

Lawyers David Howe and Michael Porter said the damage was done in April 2005 while Ayo Ford was having tarsal tunnel syndrome surgery to alleviate an impingement on a nerve in her left ankle.

Dr. Bryan G. Popovici performed the surgery and, in the process, severed two other nerves in Ford's ankle, Howe said. Ford ended up hobbling around in pain for about two years before Dr. Bruce Shafiroff discovered the severed nerves and performed surgery in June 2007 to repair the damage, Howe said.

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Ford, now 45, has been left with a permanent nerve-based injury that has limited her foot movement and her ability to stand and walk for any lengthy periods of time, Porter said. She was forced to leave her job at New Venture Gear as a result of the injury, her lawyers said.

A state Supreme Court jury deliberated several hours last week before awarding Ford the damages for her pain and lost income, Howe said.