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**Hamilton County Jury Finds Total Quality Logistics Responsible
for the Death of an Employee's Daughter, Awards \$22.5 Million**

Lawsuit concerned Total Quality Logistics' refusal to allow its then-pregnant employee to work from home, which led to the death of her newborn daughter

Cincinnati, Ohio (March 18, 2026) – A Hamilton County jury today handed down a \$22,500,000 verdict against Total Quality Logistics, LLC (“TQL”) in a wrongful death lawsuit brought by the estate of Magnolia Walsh. The jury found that TQL’s refusal to allow its then-pregnant employee, Chelsea Walsh, to work from home in accordance with her doctor’s orders led to the death of her daughter, Magnolia.

“This is a heartbreaking outcome for a young family,” said [Matthew C. Metzger](#) of [Wolterman Law Office, LPA](#), co-counsel for the Walsh family. “The evidence showed that Chelsea Walsh was following her doctors’ instructions for a high-risk pregnancy and simply asked to work from home. The jury found that TQL’s denial of that reasonable request led to the death of her daughter.”

According to evidence presented at trial, in early February 2021, Chelsea Walsh underwent a procedure related to her pregnancy and was classified as high-risk. Her physicians instructed her to limit activity, remain on modified bed rest, and work from home.

Evidence showed that her request to work remotely was not granted. Instead, she was required to complete leave paperwork, return to the office immediately following the procedure, and was later placed on leave against her wishes. Her request to work from home through the start of her maternity leave was denied.

The jury heard that on the morning of February 24, TQL informed Chelsea it would allow her to work from home only because of a request by a third party, unrelated to TQL. But the work-from-home approval was too late. Later that same day, Chelsea experienced complications and was admitted to the hospital, where she gave birth to Magnolia. Magnolia was born at 20 weeks and six days of gestation and died several hours after birth.

“This family, like most plaintiffs, did not want to sit through a trial reliving these events,” said [Brian Butler](#) of [The Butler Trial Firm](#), co-counsel for the Walsh family. “But TQL gave them no choice. TQL had multiple opportunities to resolve this case for far, far less than the verdict. We wish those opportunities had been taken seriously.”

The jury awarded \$25,000,000 in the case, apportioning 90 percent of the fault, and thus 90 percent of the verdict, to TQL.

The case is captioned *Andrew Larkin, Esq., Administrator of the Estate of Magnolia Walsh v. Total Quality Logistics, LLC, et al.*, Case No. A2300752, in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas.

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