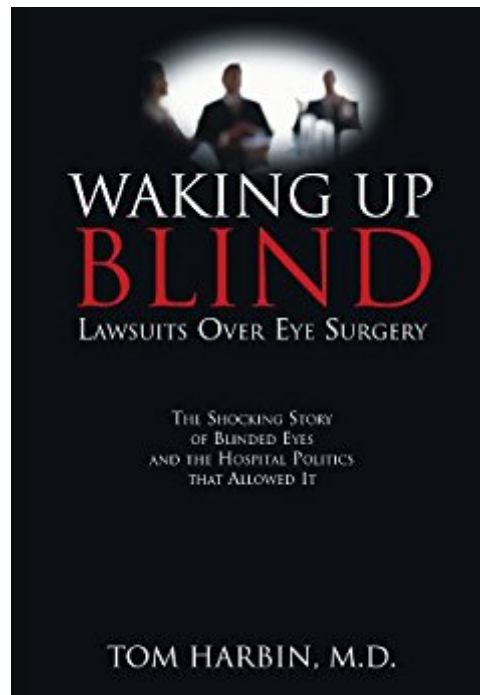


The book was found

# Waking Up Blind: Lawsuits Over Eye Surgery



## Synopsis

**Waking Up Blind: Lawsuits over Eye Surgery** By Tom Harbin, MD  
Summary  
In the early 1980s, professors at a highly-respected academic medical center began to notice problems with their gifted chairman, a powerful figure on campus. His patients complained of long delays and rushed exams. His bills to Medicare and insurance companies were suspect. Too often, the tissue that he removed from patient's eyes showed no sign of the disease that he had diagnosed. The professors and finally the Dean urged this chairman to mend his ways. He did not. His hurried care of patients was reaping profits for the medical center and his academic pursuits were increasing the center's prestige. He seemed to know that he'd be protected by the medical center's top leaders. He was right. Finally, on a typically rushed day, he operated on the wrong eye of a patient, who eventually went blind from an easily detected and treatable problem. A departmental committee investigation found improper billing, examples of patients' eyes harmed by neglect, and multiple other problems. Once again, the university's leaders paid little heed, approving a committee recommendation that did nothing more than ask its own chairman to slow down. Lawsuits and continued complaints from two faculty whistleblowers prompted a university ethics investigation. The result: exoneration for the chairman and a reprimand for a whistleblower. Only after a national specialty society ethics investigation and even more lawsuits was the chairman forced to resign. What little was known of the story made headlines at the time, but now the full story is told, backed by court documents, official transcripts, letters and personal interviews.

## Book Information

File Size: 636 KB

Print Length: 245 pages

Simultaneous Device Usage: Unlimited

Publisher: Langdon Street Press (December 1, 2009)

Publication Date: December 1, 2009

Sold by: Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B0033AH5J8

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #211,693 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #4 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Law > Family & Health Law > Malpractice #5 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Law > Health & Medical Law > Malpractice #8 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Medical eBooks > Specialties > Ophthalmology

## Customer Reviews

Shortly before 6 pm on September 12, 1983, I found myself sitting in the surgery suite at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. What I did not know at the time, but learned later, was that a horrible mistake was about to happen right after I left. The next patient in line, an elderly African American man named Sargus Houston was scheduled to have surgery performed on his right eye, but the surgery was done on the left. That accident set in motion a chain of events that was to alter the lives of countless individuals, including my own, over the next several years. The facts are now spelled out publicly for the first time in Tom Harbin's book (*Waking up Blind: Lawsuits Over Eye Surgery*, Langdon Street Press, 2009). I was a direct witness to some of the happenings detailed in the book, but mostly what I knew about these events as they were playing out was revealed via the grapevine of whispers in the shadows of the hallways at Emory University. I was only a bystander, but not an emotionally neutral one; more akin to an eyewitness to a mugging. A quarter of a century has passed since these events occurred, and I am now retired from Emory University. Over the years I heard rumors via the grapevine that numerous lawsuits pertaining to the events I had witnessed had been settled, and that Emory University had been forced to pay out millions of dollars to various injured parties. However, the results of these settled lawsuits were sealed, and I had resigned myself to accepting the reality that the details about what had happened, the good, the bad, and the ugly, would never see the light of day. I am gratified to see that Tom Harbin's book has now shined a spotlight on what was kept hidden for far too long.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Waking Up Blind: Lawsuits Over Eye Surgery  
Third Eye: Awakening Your Third Eye Chakra: Beginner's Guide (Third Eye, Third Eye Chakra, Third Eye Awakening, Chakras)  
Third Eye: Third Eye Activation Secrets (Third Eye Awakening, Pineal Gland, Third Eye Chakra, Open Third Eye)  
Eye Contacts, Lasik Eye Surgery, Or Eyeglasses: The Pros and The Cons (Blue Contacts, Discount Contact Lenses, Eye Lenses, Prescription Colored Contacts)  
Third Eye Awakening: The Ultimate Guide on How to Open Your Third Eye Chakra to Experience Higher Consciousness and a State of Enlightenment (Third Eye, Pineal Gland, Chakra, Kundalini)  
Third Eye: Third Eye, Mind Power,

Intuition & Psychic Awareness: Spiritual Enlightenment (3rd Eye, Spiritual Awakening, Psychic Abilities, Mediumship, Pineal Gland) Blindness and Enlightenment: An Essay: With a new translation of Diderot's 'Letter on the Blind' and La Mothe Le Vayer's 'Of a Man Born Blind' Blind Redemption (Viking Romance) (The Blind Series Book 3) Blind Confession: A Viking Romance (The Blind Series Book 4) Gastric Sleeve Diet: A Comprehensive Gastric Sleeve Weight Loss Surgery Diet Guide (Gastric Sleeve Surgery, Gastric Sleeve Diet, Bariatric Surgery, Weight Loss Surgery, Maximizing Success Rate) The Blind Eye - A Sephardic Journey Touch the Top of the World: A Blind Man's Journey to Climb Farther than the Eye Can See: My Story So You've Got A Cataract?: What You Need to Know About Cataract Surgery: A Patient's Guide to Modern Eye Surgery, Advanced Intraocular Lenses & Choosing Your Surgeon Beat Debt Collectors at Their Own Game: A Legal Guide to Stop Harassment, Lawsuits & Garnishments Stick It To Sue Happy Debt Collectors: Learn How to Fight Debt Collection Lawsuits and Win How to Protect Your Assets From Probate PLUS Lawsuits PLUS Nursing Home Expenses with the Living Trust Plus BITTER MEDICINE: What I've Learned and Teach about Malpractice Lawsuits (And How to Avoid Them) Avoiding Lawsuits in Nursing: A pocket legal guide for Nurses The Pocket Legal Companion to Trademark: A User-Friendly Handbook on Avoiding Lawsuits and Protecting Your Trademarks (Pocket Legal Companions) The Vitamin Cure for Eye Disease: How to Prevent and Treat Eye Disease Using Nutrition and Vitamin Supplementation

[Dmca](#)