

Royal Caribbean Salmonella Case Survives Dismissal

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- Passenger died from bacteria-laden food, complaint says
- Ruling rejects claim that ship's doctors were independent contractors

The family of a teenager who died of salmonella poisoning on a Royal Caribbean cruise ship may pursue wrongful death and negligence claims against the company, the Southern District of Florida ruled Nov. 3 (*Martins v. Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.*, 2016 BL 368221, S.D. Fla., 15-cv-21124, 11/3/16).

The ruling rejected defense claims that the ship's doctors and nurses weren't employees or agents of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.

New Jersey resident Briana Martins died from a bacterial infection aboard the *Explorer of the Seas* in 2013. Her family sued Royal Caribbean under the Death on the High Seas...