

NFL Offensive Lineman Sues Doctor Over Surgery



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Offensive Lineman Taylor Lewan is suing Orthopedist Dr. James Andrews for malpractice surrounding surgery on his torn right ACL in 2020. The surgery left Lewan with "severe and permanent damage."

The news broke Thursday and was first reported by the Associated Press.

Additional defendants include Benjamin Sherman, Baptist Health Care, Baptist Medical Group and the Andrews Institute.

According to the lawsuit, the defendants repaired Lewan's ACL improperly. Lewan claims he has permanent injuries to his right knee, tendons, cartilage and ligaments.

The Andrews Institute for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine didn't comment on the lawsuit.

The lawsuit accuses Andrews of negligence for not using a specific graft, injuring surrounding knee cartilage, not repairing the medial meniscus, failing to supervise residents and fellows and failing to provide proper care after surgery.

Lewan is currently dealing with the effects of his surgery. The lawsuit claims Lewan is dealing with "severe pain and disability, suffering, disfigurement, loss of ability to enjoy life, past and future medical expenses, past and future loss of earnings, past and future loss of career earnings, past and future loss of career opportunities and mental distress.

Lewan has experienced various injuries during his career. According to [PlayerProfler.com](https://www.playerprofler.com) Lewan tore his ACL in 2020. Lewan also dealt with knee, toe and back injuries in 2021. Lewan suffered a concussion in 2021. Lewan sprained his shoulder and tore his ACL in 2020.

Lewan has missed over 25 games in the last three seasons. Lewan was set to make \$14.8 million in 2023. Tennessee cut Lewan to save cap space.

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