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### **Mississippi Supreme Court Upholds Verdict in Favor of Reynolds Tobacco**

**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – March 25, 2004** – The Mississippi Supreme Court today upheld a jury verdict from 2000 in favor of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in the *Nunnally* case, an individual wrongful-death lawsuit brought by the widow of a smoker.

Mark Holton, vice president and assistant general counsel for Reynolds Tobacco, said, “The plaintiff raised a host of issues for the Mississippi Supreme Court to consider, and after reviewing the record, the court concluded that none of those issues had merit.”

In the trial, plaintiff Kay T. Nunnally, widow of Joseph Lee Nunnally, alleged that Mr. Nunnally’s use of Reynolds Tobacco’s cigarette brands caused him to develop lung cancer, which resulted in his death.

At issue in the appeal were the judge’s jury instructions, the judge’s decision to exclude some evidence and the permitted scope of testimony and cross-examination of some witnesses at trial.

*R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company (RJRT) is a wholly owned subsidiary of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: RJR). R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company is the second-largest tobacco company in the United States, manufacturing about one of every four cigarettes sold in the United States. Reynolds Tobacco's product line includes four of the nation's 10 best-selling cigarette brands: Camel, Winston, Salem and Doral. For more information about RJRT, visit the company's web site at [www.RJRT.com](http://www.RJRT.com).*

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