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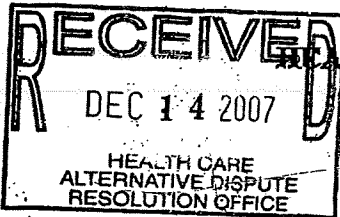
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**CLAIM FORM**

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(1) This claim is filed pursuant to Title 3, Subtitle 2A of the Courts Article. The damages claimed are in excess of \$30,000.00, and the appropriate venue is: Baltimore City

(2) The basis of the claim is described on the page(s) attached hereto.

(3) The resolution of the claim will involve particular expertise in this area of specialty 015

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AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs, Sandra Kilic ("Mrs. Kilic") and Kamal Berroui ("Mr. Berroui"), by their attorneys, hereby sue health care providers Professional Medical Services, P.C., t/a American Women's Services ("AWS") and James Hooper, M.D. ("Dr. Hooper").

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removal of a kidney that failed because of the doctor's careless actions. In addition, in a subsequent pregnancy, Mrs. Kilic required a Cesarean Section, because Defendants' malpractice made a vaginal delivery unsafe. In this case, the patient seeks recovery for her medical expenses, as well as for the significant physical and emotional suffering she was forced to endure. The patient and her husband also seek recovery for the injury to their marital relationship caused by the doctor's inappropriate care.

#### THE PARTIES

2. Mrs. Kilic and Mr. Berroui reside at 371 Junco Circle, Longs, South Carolina 29568 and are residents and citizens of the State of South Carolina. They are husband and wife.

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## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to §§ 6-102 and 6-103 of the Courts & Judicial Proceedings Article, because defendants are domiciled in, served with process in, or maintain principal places of business in Maryland, they transact business or perform work in Maryland, and they caused tortious injury in this State.

6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to §§ 1-501 and 4-401 of the Courts & Judicial Proceedings Article, because this is a civil case in which the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional limit of the District Court, and pursuant to § 3-2A-06A of the Courts & Judicial Proceedings Article, because plaintiffs filed a claim with the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office and properly waived the claim to this Court.

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29. Mrs. Kilic eventually lost consciousness. She was transported by ambulance to the emergency department at Sinai Hospital.

30. At Sinai, Mrs. Kilic later underwent approximately six hours of surgery to assess and treat internal damage caused by Dr. Hooper's repeated insertion of the suction cannula into her abdominal cavity.

31. The surgery revealed that the walls of Mrs. Kilic's reproductive system had been perforated several times, causing damage to the reproductive system and other internal organs and tissues.

32. Those injuries included sizable perforations of the walls of Mrs. Kilic's reproductive system and another internal laceration resulting in a "rent" or tear.

33. Mrs. Kilic was hospitalized for seven days to recover from the injuries inflicted by Dr. Hooper and the surgery required to repair them. Mrs. Kilic endured additional recovery time after being discharged from the Hospital. During the procedure at AWS, the hospitalization at Sinai, and her convalescence at home, Mrs. Kilic experienced severe pain, discomfort, and mental anguish.

~~34. In addition, as a Mrs. Kilic was permanently scarred by the incision required to repair her internal injuries.~~

34. As a further result of Dr. Hooper's failure to comply with the standard of care, Mrs. Kilic's right ureter was injured. Unbeknownst to Mrs. Kilic, that injury caused her right kidney progressive injury after her hospitalization. Because of the progressive injury, Mrs. Kilic experienced chronic and sometimes severe pain and discomfort for which she required emergency treatment on several occasions. That progressive injury eventually caused Mrs. Kilic's right kidney to completely fail. Consequently, Mrs. Kilic was forced to undergo another surgery in July 2007, to remove her right kidney. That procedure, and the required hospitalization and recovery, which were directly and

proximately caused by the negligence of Dr. Hooper and AWS, caused Mrs. Kilic to experience severe pain, discomfort, and mental anguish. The kidney removal required a large incision that permanently scared the right side of Mrs. Kilic's abdomen. Mrs. Kilic also lost wages and incurred other economic damages.

35. In addition, as a result of the defendants' negligence, Mrs. Kilic endured more pain and yet another operation in 2008. Specifically, after Mrs. Kilic became pregnant in late 2007, she experienced abdominal pain where her right kidney had been. That pain was caused by pressure on the scar tissue that resulted from removal of her kidney. The pressure was, in turn, caused by the displacement of her internal organs, associated with her pregnancy. As Mrs. Kilic's pregnancy progressed, the pain worsened. Toward the end of the gestation, the added stress put on Mrs. Kilic's kidney compromised its function.

36. Mrs. Kilic's physicians concluded that, because of the injuries that defendants negligently caused her to sustain (including the perforation injuries Mrs. Kilic suffered in 2004 and the compromised function of her remaining kidney), a vaginal delivery was not indicated and an urgent Cesarean Section delivery would be required. Because of the need for the Cesarean Section delivery, Mrs. Kilic endured added pain, suffering, and mental anguish. That operation also caused a third, lasting scar on her abdomen. The need for a Cesarean Section delivery was directly and proximately caused by the negligence of Dr. Hooper and AWS.

37. Neither Mrs. Kilic nor Mr. Berroui was in any way contributorily negligent.

38. As a result of AWS's and Dr. Hooper's negligent actions, Mrs. Kilic has suffered and will continue to suffer severe, painful, and permanent bodily injuries, mental anguish, surgical, medical and other related expenses, loss of income, and other damages.

39. As a result of AWS's and Dr. Hooper's negligent actions, Mr. Berraoui and Mrs. Kilic have suffered and will continue to suffer injury to their marital relationship.

#### COUNT I

(Negligence — Dr. Hooper)

40. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein each and every allegation contained in all paragraphs of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.

41. As a licensed medical doctor, Dr. Hooper owed a duty to his patients, including Mrs. Kilic, to exercise the degree of care and skill required of physicians in the same class to which he belongs, and acting under the same or similar circumstances.

42. In several respects, Dr. Hooper breached his duty of care and was negligent in his treatment of Mrs. Kilic, including but not limited to the following ways:

- a. perforating the wall of Mrs. Kilic's reproductive system;
- b. failing to recognize, investigate, or treat the perforation;
- c. forcing Mrs. Kilic to wait, without proper medical attention, while he tended to other patients;

- d. after resuming the procedure, continuing to repeatedly insert the suction cannula into Mrs. Kilic's abdominal cavity, thereby damaging internal organs and tissue;
- e. failing to promptly call for an ambulance to transport Mrs. Kilic to a hospital emergency department for proper treatment; and
- f. failing generally to exercise that care and skill that is ordinarily and customarily exercised by physicians in like circumstances.

43. Dr. Hooper's failure to comply with the applicable standards of care proximately caused the serious and permanent injuries summarized herein and great mental anguish. As a result, Mrs. Kilic has been required to receive additional, extensive medical care and treatment; prevented from engaging in her normal activities, duties and pursuits; and otherwise injured and damaged. All such injuries were caused by Dr. Hooper's negligence without any contributory negligence on the part of Mrs. Kilic or Mr. Berraoui.

WHEREFORE, Mrs. Kilic requests that this Honorable Court enter a judgment against Dr. Hooper for compensatory damages in an amount that exceeds the limit of the concurrent jurisdiction of the District Court, plus interest and costs, and for any such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

COUNT II  
(Negligence — AWS)



44. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein each and every allegation contained in all paragraphs of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.

45. As a provider of reproductive health services, AWS owed a duty to its patients, including Mrs. Kilic, to exercise the degree of care and skill required of providers in the same class to it belongs, and acting under the same or similar circumstances.

46. In several respects, AWS breached its duty of care and was negligent in its treatment of Mrs. Kilic, including but not limited to the following ways:

- a. failing to appropriately treat the perforation of the wall of Mrs. Kilic's reproductive system;
- b. failing to provide appropriate medical attention while Mrs. Kilic was in the waiting room after Dr. Hooper temporarily stopped the procedure;
- c. failing to properly supervise Mrs. Kilic in the waiting room during the medically inappropriate delay ordered by Dr. Hooper;
- d. delaying to promptly call for an ambulance to transport Mrs. Kilic to a hospital emergency department for proper treatment; and
- e. failing generally to exercise that care and skill that is ordinarily and customarily exercised by providers of similar reproductive health services in like circumstances.

47. AWS's failure to comply with the applicable standards of care proximately caused the serious and permanent injuries summarized herein and great mental anguish. As a result, Mrs. Kilic has been required to receive additional, extensive medical care and treatment; prevented from engaging in her normal activities, duties and pursuits; and otherwise injured and damaged. All such injuries were caused by the negligence of AWS without any contributory negligence on the part of Mrs. Kilic or Mr. Berraoui.

WHEREFORE, Mrs. Kilic requests that this Honorable Court enter a judgment that exceeds the limit of the concurrent jurisdiction of the District Court, plus interest and costs, and for any such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

COUNT III  
(Respondeat Superior — AWS)

48. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein each and every allegation contained in all paragraphs of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.

49. At all times relevant to the allegations of this Complaint, Dr. Hooper and other medical staff involved in Mrs. Kilic's abortion procedure were employed by, or the agents or representatives of, AWS.

50. The employees or agents of AWS, specifically including, without limitation, Dr. Hooper, failed to comply with the applicable standards of care, thereby negligently causing Mrs. Kilic and Mr. Berroui the mental anguish and the serious and permanent injuries described herein.

51. The employees or agents of AWS, specifically including, without limitation, Dr. Hooper, committed the acts and omissions described herein within the scope of their employment and in furtherance of AWS's interests.

WHEREFORE, Claimant Sandra Kilic brings this action against Professional Medical Services, P.C., (t/a American Women's Services) for compensatory damages in an amount which exceeds the limits of the concurrent jurisdiction limit of the District Court, plus interest and costs, and for any such other relief as the Panel deems just and proper.

#### COUNT IV

(Loss of Consortium — Dr. Hooper and AWS)

52. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein each and every allegation contained in all paragraphs of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.

53. At all times relevant hereto, Sandra Kilic and Kamal Berraoui were, and they still are, husband and wife.

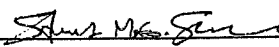
54. The negligent conduct of Dr. Hooper and AWS described herein has caused injury to the plaintiffs' marital relationship, including a loss of society, affection, assistance, companionship, and sexual relations.

WHEREFORE, Mrs. Kilic and Mr. Berraoui request that this Honorable Court enter a judgment that brings this action against Dr. Hooper and AWS, jointly and severally, for an amount which exceeds the limits of the concurrent jurisdiction of the

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Dated: ~~May 13~~December 5, 2008.

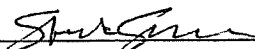
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29. Mrs. Kilic eventually lost consciousness. She was transported by ambulance to the emergency department at Sinai Hospital.
30. At Sinai, Mrs. Kilic later underwent approximately six hours of surgery to assess and treat internal damage caused by Dr. Hooper's repeated insertion of the suction cannula into her abdominal cavity.

31. The surgery revealed that the walls of Mrs. Kilic's reproductive system had been perforated several times, causing damage to the reproductive system and other internal organs and tissues.

32. Those injuries included sizable perforations of the walls of Mrs. Kilic's reproductive system and another internal laceration resulting in a "rent" or tear.

33. Mrs. Kilic was hospitalized for seven days to recover from the injuries inflicted by Dr. Hooper and the surgery required to repair them. Mrs. Kilic endured additional recovery time after being discharged from the Hospital. During the procedure at AWS, the hospitalization at Sinai, and her convalescence at home, Mrs. Kilic experienced severe pain, discomfort, and mental anguish.

34. In addition, as a result of Dr. Hooper's failure to comply with the standard of care, Mrs. Kilic's right ureter was injured. Unbeknownst to Mrs. Kilic, that injury caused her right kidney progressive injury after her hospitalization. That progressive injury eventually caused Mrs. Kilic's right kidney to completely fail. Consequently, Mrs. Kilic was forced to undergo another surgery in July 2007, to remove her right kidney. That procedure, and the required hospitalization and recovery, which were directly and proximately caused by the negligence of Dr. Hooper and AWS, caused Mrs. Kilic to experience severe pain, discomfort, and mental anguish.

35. Neither Mrs. Kilic nor Mr. Berroui was in any way contributorily negligent.

36. As a result of AWS's and Dr. Hooper's negligent actions, Mrs. Kilic has suffered and will continue to suffer severe, painful, and permanent bodily injuries, mental anguish, surgical, medical and other related expenses, loss of income, and other damages.

37. As a result of AWS's and Dr. Hooper's negligent actions, Mr. Berraoui and Mrs. Kilic have suffered and will continue to suffer injury to their marital relationship.

COUNT I  
(Negligence — Dr. Hooper)

38. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein each and every allegation contained in all paragraphs of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.

39. As a licensed medical doctor, Dr. Hooper owed a duty to his patients, including Mrs. Kilic, to exercise the degree of care and skill required of physicians in the same class to which he belongs, and acting under the same or similar circumstances.

40. In several respects, Dr. Hooper breached his duty of care and was negligent in his treatment of Mrs. Kilic, including but not limited to the following ways:

- a. perforating the wall of Mrs. Kilic's reproductive system;
- b. failing to recognize, investigate, or treat the perforation;
- c. forcing Mrs. Kilic to wait, without proper medical attention, while he tended to other patients;
- d. after resuming the procedure, continuing to repeatedly insert the suction cannula into Mrs. Kilic's abdominal cavity, thereby damaging internal organs and tissue;

e. failing to promptly call for an ambulance to transport Mrs. Kilic to a hospital emergency department for proper treatment; and

f. failing generally to exercise that care and skill that is ordinarily and customarily exercised by physicians in like circumstances.

41. Dr. Hooper's failure to comply with the applicable standards of care proximately caused the serious and permanent injuries summarized herein and great mental anguish. As a result, Mrs. Kilic has been required to receive additional, extensive medical care and treatment; prevented from engaging in her normal activities, duties and pursuits; and otherwise injured and damaged. All such injuries were caused by Dr. Hooper's negligence without any contributory negligence on the part of Mrs. Kilic or Mr. Berraoui.

WHEREFORE, Mrs. Kilic requests that this Honorable Court enter a judgment against Dr. Hooper for compensatory damages in an amount that exceeds the limit of the concurrent jurisdiction of the District Court, plus interest and costs, and for any such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

COUNT II  
(Negligence — AWS)

42. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein each and every allegation contained in all paragraphs of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.

43. As a provider of reproductive health services, AWS owed a duty to its patients, including Mrs. Kilic, to exercise the degree of care and skill required of



providers in the same class to it belongs, and acting under the same or similar circumstances.

44. In several respects, AWS breached its duty of care and was negligent in its treatment of Mrs. Kilic, including but not limited to the following ways:

- a. failing to appropriately treat the perforation of the wall of Mrs. Kilic's reproductive system;
- b. failing to provide appropriate medical attention while Mrs. Kilic was in the waiting room after Dr. Hooper temporarily stopped the procedure;
- c. failing to properly supervise Mrs. Kilic in the waiting room during the medically inappropriate delay ordered by Dr. Hooper;
- d. delaying to promptly call for an ambulance to transport Mrs. Kilic to a hospital emergency department for proper treatment; and
- e. failing generally to exercise that care and skill that is ordinarily and customarily exercised by providers of similar reproductive health services in like circumstances.

45. AWS's failure to comply with the applicable standards of care proximately caused the serious and permanent injuries summarized herein and great mental anguish. As a result, Mrs. Kilic has been required to receive additional, extensive medical care and treatment; prevented from engaging in her normal activities, duties and pursuits; and

otherwise injured and damaged. All such injuries were caused by the negligence of AWS without any contributory negligence on the part of Mrs. Kilic or Mr. Berraoui.

WHEREFORE, Mrs. Kilic requests that this Honorable Court enter a judgment that exceeds the limit of the concurrent jurisdiction of the District Court, plus interest and costs, and for any such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

COUNT III  
(Respondeat Superior — AWS)

46. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein each and every allegation contained in all paragraphs of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.

47. At all times relevant to the allegations of this Complaint, Dr. Hooper and other medical staff involved in Mrs. Kilic's abortion procedure were employed by, or the agents or representatives of, AWS.

48. The employees or agents of AWS, specifically including, without limitation, Dr. Hooper, failed to comply with the applicable standards of care, thereby negligently causing Mrs. Kilic and Mr. Berroui the mental anguish and the serious and permanent injuries described herein.

49. The employees or agents of AWS, specifically including, without limitation, Dr. Hooper, committed the acts and omissions described herein within the scope of their employment and in furtherance of AWS's interests.

WHEREFORE, Claimant Sandra Kilic brings this action against Professional Medical Services, P.C., (t/a American Women's Services) for compensatory damages in

an amount which exceeds the limits of the concurrent jurisdiction limit of the District Court, plus interest and costs, and for any such other relief as the Panel deems just and proper.

COUNT IV

(Loss of Consortium — Dr. Hooper and AWS)

50. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein each and every allegation contained in all paragraphs of this Complaint, as if fully set forth herein.

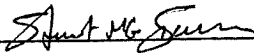
51. At all times relevant hereto, Sandra Kilic and Kamal Berraoui were, and they still are, husband and wife.

52. The negligent conduct of Dr. Hooper and AWS described herein has caused injury to the plaintiffs' marital relationship, including a loss of society, affection, assistance, companionship, and sexual relations.

WHEREFORE, Mrs. Kilic and Mr. Berraoui request that this Honorable Court enter a judgment that brings this action against Dr. Hooper and AWS, jointly and severally, for an amount which exceeds the limits of the concurrent jurisdiction of the District Court, plus interest and costs, and for any such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

) Dated: May 13, 2008.

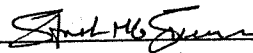
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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

) Plaintiffs demand a jury trial in this action.

  
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**CIVIL-NON-DOMESTIC CASE INFORMATION REPORT**

**Directions:**

**Plaintiff:** This Information Report must be completed and attached to the complaint filed with the Clerk of Court unless your case is exempted from the requirement by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 2-111(a). **A copy must be included for each defendant to be served.**

**Defendant:** You must file an Information Report as required by Rule 2-323(h).

**THIS INFORMATION REPORT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN ANSWER OR RESPONSE.**

FORM FILED BY:  PLAINTIFF  DEFENDANT CASE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NAME: Sandra Kilic and Kamal Berraoui v Professional Medical Services, P.C., et al.  
Plaintiff Defendant

JURY DEMAND:  Yes  No Anticipated length of trial: \_\_\_\_\_ hours or 3 days

RELATED CASE PENDING?  Yes  No If yes, Case #(s), if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requirements?  Interpreter/communication impairment Which language \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Attach Form 1-332 if Accommodation or Interpreter Needed) Which dialect \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NATURE OF ACTION**

**DAMAGES/RELIEF**

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**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION INFORMATION**

Is this case appropriate for referral to an ADR process under Md. Rule 17-101? (Check all that apply)

A. Mediation  Yes  No C. Settlement Conference  Yes  No  
 B. Arbitration  Yes  No D. Neutral Evaluation  Yes  No

**TRACK REQUEST**

*With the exception of Baltimore County and Baltimore City, please fill in the estimated LENGTH OF TRIAL. THIS CASE WILL THEN BE TRACKED ACCORDINGLY.*

1/2 day of trial or less  3 days of trial time  
 1 day of trial time  More than 3 days of trial time  
 2 days of trial time

**PLEASE SEE PAGE TWO OF THIS FORM FOR INSTRUCTIONS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS IF YOU ARE FILING YOUR COMPLAINT IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, BALTIMORE CITY, OR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

Date 5/13/08 Signature [Signature]

**BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

*For all jurisdictions, if Business and Technology track designation under Md. Rule 16-205 is requested, attach a duplicate copy of complaint and check one of the tracks below.*

**Expedited**  
Trial within 7 months of  
Defendant's response

**Standard**  
Trial - 18 months of  
Defendant's response

EMERGENCY RELIEF REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature* *Date*

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**CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY (check only one)**

- Expedited Trial 60 to 120 days from notice. Non-jury matters.
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- Standard-Complex Trial 18 months from Defendant's response. Includes complex cases requiring prolonged discovery with actual damages in excess of \$50,000.
- Lead Paint Fill in: Birthdate of youngest plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_.
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- Protracted Cases Complex cases designated by the Administrative Judge.

**CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

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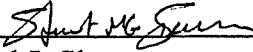
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Dated: May 13, 2008.

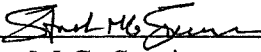
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ARBIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY

PRESIDING JUDGE *[Signature]*

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Case Number: 24-C-08-003030 OT PM Old Case Number :  
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