



HEALTH CLAIMS ARBITRATION OFFICE  
 State of Maryland  
 118 North Howard Street, Suite 610  
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90-023

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

HCA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CLAIMANT(S)

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER(S)

Marian Denise Bruce  
 Name  
722 Pontiac Avenue  
 Street Address  
Baltimore, Maryland 21225  
 City, State, Zip Code

Planned Parenthood Association of  
 Name Maryland, Inc.  
100 N. Howard Street  
 Street Address  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
 City, State, Zip Code  
SERVE ON: Resident Agent  
 City, State, Zip Code

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

J. Courtland Robinson, M.D.  
 Name

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

1447 York Road  
 Street Address

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Lutherville, Maryland 21093  
 City, State, Zip Code

- (1) This Claim is filed pursuant to Title 3, Subtitle 2A of the Courts Article. The damages claimed are in excess of \$10,000.00 and the appropriate venue is: Baltimore County, Maryland.
- (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 the area of speciality as indicated: \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING:** Each Claimant has been advised that he/she may be held civilly liable for part or all of the Costs resulting from the filing of this claim; this would be an individual and personal responsibility.

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Marian Denise Bruce  
 Signature of each Claimant

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MARIAN DENISE BRUCE  
722 Pontiac Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21225

Claimant

v.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD ASSOCIATION  
OF MARYLAND, INC.  
610 N. Howard Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
SERVE ON: Resident Agent  
Diana M. Gurieva  
610 N. Howard Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

and

J. COURTLAND ROBINSON, M.D.  
1447 York Road  
Lutherville, Maryland 21093

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COMPLAINT

Marian Denise Bruce, Claimant, by her undersigned attorneys, sues Planned Parenthood of Maryland, Inc. and J. Courtland Robinson, M.D., Defendants.

INTRODUCTION

1. This Claim is instituted for the recovery of damages in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).
2. Venue is proper in Baltimore County, Maryland.
3. At all relevant times, Planned Parenthood of Maryland, Inc. was a corporation organized as existing under the laws of Maryland engaged in the provision of clinical services including therapeutic abortions.

4. Defendant J. Courtland Robinson, M.D., a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, held himself out as a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology. At all times relevant he acted as the agent, servant and/or employee of Planned Parenthood Association of Maryland, Inc.

5. On or about May 6, 1987 Marian Denise Bruce was admitted into the Annapolis Clinic of Planned Parenthood Association of Maryland, Inc. to undergo a 14 week therapeutic abortion.

6. The aforementioned procedure was performed by Health Care Provider J. Courtland Robinson, M.D.

7. Shortly after her admission to Planned Parenthood's Annapolis Clinic, on or about 1:30 on May 6, 1987, Dr. Robinson performed the therapeutic abortion.

8. After approximately an hour and a half the Claimant was discharged and sent home from Planned Parenthood.

9. The next morning the Claimant became very weak and almost passed out. An ambulance transported her to North Arundel Hospital. In the Emergency Room, as indicated by the surgeon who performed subsequent surgeries, she was "pale with pain on her right side and vomiting. Her hematocrit was 21% (below normal). She was obviously shocky."

10. The Claimant was immediately taken to surgery because of extensive hemorrhaging. After the surgeon performed a mid-line incision he found the uterus so extensively perforated especially around the broad ligament that he had to perform a supracervical hysterectomy (removal of the entire uterus above the cervix) and removal of the right fallopian tube.

11. Due to the extensive loss of blood the Claimant received approximately ten pints in transfusions. Fortunately her vital signs stabilized as did her hematacrit. She was well enough to be discharged on May 13, 1987.

12. As a result of the negligently caused perforation of her uterus, Marian Bruce underwent additional and unnecessary under general anesthesia to remove her uterus, experienced extreme and severe pain and suffering, has lost for the rest of her life the opportunity to ever have another child, and suffered the destruction of her marital relationship including a divorce from her husband, Michael Bruce.

13. In his care and treatment of Ms. Bruce, Health Care Provider J. Courtland Robinson, M.D., an actual and/or apparent agent, servant, and/or employee of Planned Parenthood of Maryland, Inc. owed her the duty to exercise that degree of care and skill that a like physician, would have exercised under similar circumstances.

14. Health Care Provider Robinson failed to exercise such degree of care and skill and was negligent in the following ways, among others:

A. Failure to properly and adequately perform a therapeutic abortion;

B. Failure to take appropriate precautions to protect the uterus during the performance of a therapeutic abortion;

C. Failure to properly monitor Ms. Bruce following the abortion to ensure that she was not suffering from internal bleeding;

D. Failure to recognize he had perforated and lacerated the right broad ligament;

E. Failure to properly and adequately treat Ms. Bruce's condition.

15. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of the Defendant Health Care Providers, Marian Denise Bruce suffered the following injuries, among others:

A. She was forced to undergo numerous diagnostic procedures as well as additional major surgery;

B. She suffered substantial loss of blood;

C. She suffered and will continue to suffer great physical pain and pertinent permanent injuries to her body as aforesaid, and otherwise all of which have caused her and will continue to cause her great pain and mental anguish;

D. She suffered a loss of her marriage;

E. She was forced to expend large sums of money for hospitalizations, tests, examination, x-rays, etc. in the treatment of her injuries;

F. She suffered from diminished ability to engage in personal family activities;

G. She has suffered and will continue to suffer a loss of her earnings and earnings capacity;

H. She has sustained other damages including but not limited to exposure to further surgical procedures;

WHEREFORE, the Claimant, Marian Denise Bruce brings this action against the Defendant Health Care Providers and claims damages in an amount that will fairly and adequately compensate her plus costs.

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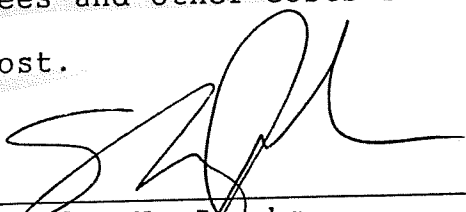
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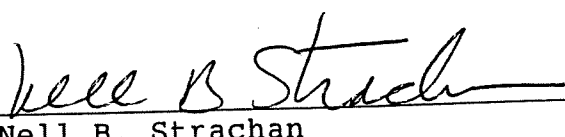
STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

Pursuant to Rule 2-506 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure, plaintiff and defendants herein, by their respective undersigned attorneys, hereby stipulate and agree that the foregoing proceeding shall be, and it hereby is, dismissed with prejudice. Arbitration costs are to be split equally; filing fees and other costs shall be born by the party incurring the cost.



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ORDER

It is hereby so Ordered.

  
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