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A third hearing is set on a **Granite City abortion provider's summary judgment** motions in a suit brought by a **patient claiming emotional distress**.



Abortionist Lisa Memmel

Madison County Circuit Judge David Hylla had been set to hear the summary judgment moves filed by the **Hope Clinic, Dr. Lisa Memmel** and other defendants in December 2010 and earlier this month.

Both of those hearings were pushed off to the current setting date of Feb. 4 at 9:30 a.m.

Plaintiff Brandy Hildreth is suing Memmel, the clinic and its staffers including its director and receptionist for damages in excess of \$1.4 million and costs in a 28-count suit.

Hildreth claims that staffers lied to her about which doctor would perform her 2008 abortion and that the circumstances of the procedure caused her emotional distress.



According to her complaint, Hildreth was told that Memmel's co-defendant Dr. Allan Palmer would perform the procedure.

The plaintiff claims that Memmel then battered her while performing the procedure in his place.

The defendants claim in their summary judgment motions that Hildreth knew Memmel would perform the abortion before and during it.

The defendants note that Hildreth has testified in depositions that she did not object to Memmel performing the abortion at the time.

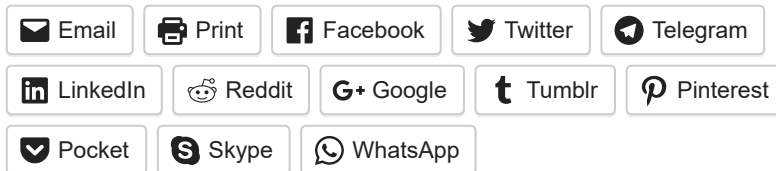
Rhonda Fiss represents Hildreth.

Mark Levy represents the clinic and its staffers.

John Leskera represents Memmel.

The case is Madison case number 08-L-343.

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