



Cuyahoga Falls woman sues clinic for failed abortion

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Akron -- A malpractice lawsuit by a Cuyahoga Falls woman alleges that an abortion clinic failed to successfully perform the abortion she sought, eventually leading to her child's birth.

The lawsuit filed March 4 in Summit County Common Pleas Court says Ariel Knights of Cuyahoga Falls realized she was still pregnant days after the procedure last March at Akron Women's Medical Group. The suit says she refused to try again with that clinic and decided to go through with the pregnancy after being referred to a second clinic that declined to get involved.

Knights declined to comment for this story.

Defendants named in the complaint are: Akron Women's Medical Group, c/o Carol Westfall of Cleveland Heights, Raymond Robinson, M.D., c/o Akron Women's Medical Group of Akron, and M.H. Rezaee, M.D., of Willoughby. Westfall could not be reached for comment. A person who answered the telephone at Robinson's office declined comment on his behalf. A working phone number for Rezaee could not be obtained by press time.

In the complaint, Knights claims that "As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of the Defendants, [she] sustained injury, harm and damage, including medical expenses, pain and suffering, emotional distress, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of income and other damages," and is demanding compensatory damages in excess of \$25,000 along with interest, costs and attorney fees.

The case has been assigned to Judge Amy Corrigall Jones.

Knights tells the Akron Beacon Journal she's not sure what went wrong. She says she wanted the abortion because of a medical condition that made the pregnancy threatening to her health.

The newspaper says the clinic's director declined to comment.