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Lawsuit claims certification body ARDMS reported that sonographers who passed critical exam had failed and that false reports led to job loss, demotions, and other negative consequences

Attorneys Thomas Zimmerman, Jr. of the Chicago-based Zimmerman Law Offices and former Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann of the Cleveland-based Dann Law Firm today filed a federal class action suit against the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS), the body that administers examinations and awards credentials to professionals who utilize ultrasound technology. The suit alleges ARDMS falsely reported that sonography professionals who took certification exams between September 2016 and March 2017 failed the tests when they had, in fact, passed, and that those false reports harmed affected professionals in a number of ways.

The case, *Stephanie Miller and Mary Alyce Dawson v. Inteleos, Inc. f/k/a American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Inc.*, was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

The lead plaintiffs, sonography professionals who received erroneous examination scores, represent all sonographers throughout the United States impacted by ARDMS' actions. The lawsuit seeks damages for lost wages, lost employment opportunities, and damage to the sonographers' professional reputations resulting from the false report that they failed their certification examinations.

ARDMS, which boasts that its credentials have been awarded to more than 90,000 medical professionals worldwide and are recognized as the international standard in the field, certifies Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS), Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer (RDCS), Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT), Registered Musculoskeletal Sonographer (RMSKS), Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation (RPVI), and Registered in Musculoskeletal (RMSK) Sonography. Inteleos, Inc., the organization that governs and manages ARDMS is the defendant in the lawsuit.

"Because it denotes a lack of competency, knowledge and expertise in sonography, there is a serious stigma associated with failure to pass the credentialing examination," Attorney Zimmerman said. Attorney Dann noted that as a result of the false reporting of failing scores, sonography professionals across the country suffered harm to their professional reputation, lost their jobs, were denied employment opportunities, and had to sit for the certification examination a second time even though they had already passed the examination.

A copy of the complaint is available upon request. Attorneys Zimmerman and Dann will be available for interviews and the lead plaintiffs may also be available to speak with the media on a limited basis.

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