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## Greene Broillet Files 4 New Fraud Cases against Regents of California

SANTA ANA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 24, 2006--Greene Broillet Wheeler, LLP:

Concern Expressed at Press Conference That as Investigation Into UCI Liver Transplant Scandal Deepens, Patients of Its Shuttered Program Are Being Overlooked, and Many Have Yet to Be Placed on New Liver Transplant Waiting Lists

Greene Broillet Wheeler announced the filing of four new fraud cases today at a press conference held at the Santa Ana Superior Court House against the Regents of the University of California arising over the University of California at Irvine's Liver Transplant Program. The Bell, Kylander and Nguyen Families filed wrongful death claims and Richard Farmer filed a personal injury claim. Attending the press conference were Elodie Irvine, Chris Millington and Diane Tovar (along with her sister Lisa Delgado), who were on UCI's Liver Transplant list, as well as Audrey Degehardt, Regenia Hope and Ed Bell, who all lost a loved one while awaiting a liver transplant at UCI. The Plaintiffs are represented by Browne Greene and Mark T. Quigley with the Santa Monica, Calif. law firm of Greene Broillet Wheeler. Arms, et. al. vs. Regents of the University of California, Case Number 06CC01920.

"While it is good that there is a lot of media scrutiny on UCI's Liver Transplant Program," explained Browne Greene, "we should not forget about the patients who were suddenly left dangling when the program shuttered last November. For more than three months now, many of these patients have been unable to get on another liver transplant list. Sadly, their efforts have been hampered because UCI's bureaucracy has made it difficult for them to get their medical records transferred."

Greene continued: "This is not only intolerable, it's ugly. The University should take responsibility for expediting the placement of its former patients into other programs. These individuals and their families have suffered enough, and we can only hope that UCI steps up to the plate and does the right thing by these people who wait and worry each and every day about whether or not they will receive a life saving liver."

"We are now starting the discovery phase of this litigation and will see to it that each and every one of our clients has their day in court," explained Mark T. Quigley. "The ongoing investigations are useful, but we believe that a trial is the best way to uncover the truth about what really occurred behind the scenes at UCI's Liver Transplant Program. On behalf of our clients, we will determine how it happened that greed got in the way of good."

Elodie Irvine, whose earlier settlement is being appealed by Greene Broillet Wheeler, attended the press conference and called upon the public to contact their congressmen and senators, and even President Bush, to take immediate steps to review the nation's organ transplant programs and put into place laws that will prevent another UCI Liver Transplant Program scandal.

"I really care about what is happening to the patients on UCI's Liver Transplant Program," stated Elodie Irvine. "We can't abandon them now. I am asking the public to write to their leaders to make sure that this tragedy is never repeated again. Also, I'd like to call for a special oversight board that includes medical professionals and individuals who have been through the organ transplant process, as well as patients who are on the waiting list. It's the only way to insure the integrity of the nation's organ transplant centers."

"It was a nightmare living through my husband's battle with liver disease," said Audrey Degehardt, the widow of Geoffrey Degehardt and whose husband was on the UCI Liver Transplant Program list. "But to learn that he might have lived had UCI run an honest program is a stunning shock, and one that I and my children will never be able to fully reconcile with in our hearts. We want Geoffrey's death to have meaning and pray that the right steps will be taken by the University and by our government so that we can once again have faith in our health care institutions."

Editor's Note: Plaintiffs are represented by Browne Greene and Mark T. Quigley with the Santa Monica, Calif. law firm of Greene Broillet Wheeler ([www.greene-broillet.com](http://www.greene-broillet.com) <<http://www.greene-broillet.com>> ); Tel: 310-576-1200. The attorneys also represent Elodie Irvine in her appeal of her civil suit against UCI's Medical Center. It was Ms. Irvine's earlier civil lawsuit against UCI that prompted a federal investigation into its liver transplant program, resulting in decertification of that program on November 10, 2005.

Defendant is represented by Margaret Holm with the Santa Ana, Calif. law firm of Bonne Bridges Mueller; Tel: 714-835-1157.

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