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Legal Blow For Parents Who Claim Measles Shots Caused Autism

A recent ruling by the U.S. Court of Claims was a blow to families who have filed more than 5,000 claims with the court alleging that vaccines caused autism. Krueger & Hernandez SC represents many of these claimants and are monitoring the test cases as the claims work their way through the federal court system.

On Thursday, February 12, 2009, the U.S. Court of Claims ruled against parents with autistic children saying that vaccines are not to blame for their children's neurological disorder. The judges in the test cases that were before them found that the evidence was overwhelming contrary to the parent's claims and backed years of science that found no risk. "It was abundantly clear that petitioner's theories of causation were speculative and unpersuasive," the court concluded.

This is a blow to both our clients and to the thousands of families affected by this decision. However, the cases are not over and the U.S. Court of Claims is just the first court of several which may ultimately decide the issue. Unfortunately, this will mean more delays and more unanswered questions to the families tragically affected that must deal with both the emotional and financial cost associated with raising autistic children.

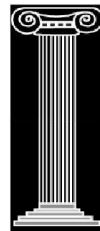
There are still other claims that the court must rule on one of which is the claim that autism was caused by a mercury-containing preservative called thimerosal that once was common in children's inoculations. The February 12, 2009, ruling did not address those issues although it is anticipated that a ruling will be made in the relatively near future. However, the court did send a signal on those cases when it said that "the petitioners have failed to demonstrate that thimerosal-containing vaccines can contribute to causing immune dysfunction," a judge wrote about one theory that the families proposed to explain how autism might be linked. Again, the battle is not over and we are working with our clients as well as families of others to help with this process.

We have helped many adults, children and their families recover hundreds of thousands of dollars as a result of adverse reaction or deaths from vaccines. If your family or anyone you know has been adversely affected because of a vaccine, please contact Attorney Mark L. Krueger at (608) 356-3961 with questions, or visit us on the web at www.KH-LAW.net for more information.

Madison's New Location!

The Madison team is settling in to our new office space! You can locate us at:

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Your Team is on Your Side

Estate Planning is like a team sport. In these turbulent economic times, sometimes it may seem like you are going it all alone. However, you'll find that bringing together a team of qualified professionals will bring you peace of mind as you work towards your goals.

Before doing anything else, you must first select the members of your team to help you achieve your goals. This team consists of the following professionals, depending on your goals:

- **A Qualified Estate Planning Attorney.** An estate planning attorney who focuses their practice in the area of estate planning is critical to helping guide you through the intricacies of the area. Whether you are just starting out in life or you are in your golden years, an estate planning attorney can help you make sure your assets are left to your heirs in the manner you desire.
- **A Financial Planner.** A good financial planner is important to make sure you are on track to achieve your retirement and other financial goals.
- **An Accountant.** A good accountant can help you navigate income tax issues and, if you have a business, can make sure the business adheres to accounting standards.
- **An Insurance Agent.** An insurance agent can help you select the right coverage for your needs to shift risks you cannot afford to bear yourself. Life insurance can be particularly useful in estate planning.

Your estate planning attorney can work with you to identify your goals. Once you have identified those goals, your estate planning attorney, working with the rest of your team, can build a game plan to get you to the finish line.

The hardest part is defeating inertia and picking up the phone. Once you take the first step, your estate planning attorney will help guide you through the process and may be able to make recommendations on selecting the rest of your team, if you haven't yet done so.

Now is a great time to get started. The combination of low asset values and low interest rates makes for unprecedented opportunities in your estate planning. Your team is waiting for you to call the first play.



Attorney Michelle T.L. Hernandez has extensive legal experience in the area of estate planning and is an active member of the Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys. To schedule your free consultation today, simply call (800) 431-9776.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.KH-LAW.net!

GO GREEN!

WITH SPRING ON THE WAY, NOW IS THE TIME TO BE THINKING GREEN! BE SURE TO ADD YOURSELF TO OUR PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER.

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KEEP ON TOP OF LEGAL UPDATES AND SAVE THE PLANET IN THE PROCESS!



Krueger & Hernandez would like to recognize:

Kate Aeschbach and Kara Malston!

Kate has been with the firm for **ONE** year! She is an integral part of our team and is the face and voice of the Madison Office.

Kara has been a part of Krueger & Hernandez for **THREE** years! As Marketing Coordinator, Kara keeps our clients aware of all our services and is instrumental in adding to the legal team of Krueger & Hernandez.

We thank both ladies for their time and dedication to helping us provide our clients with the best service possible.



Happy St. Patrick's Day
from all of us at
Krueger & Hernandez
Be safe!

Mark L. Krueger



Michelle T.L. Hernandez

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