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Layla Linegar v. Mark Lobanoff, M.D. and North Suburban Eye Specialists, LLP  
United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

**DR. MARK LOBANOFF AND NORTH SUBURBAN EYE  
SPECIALISTS SUED FOR LASIK MALPRACTICE**

On December 22, 2010, plaintiff Layla Linegar filed suit against Mark Lobanoff, M.D. and North Suburban Eye Specialists, LLP, in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, for the negligent performance of LASIK surgery. In addition, the complaint alleges that Dr. Lobanoff and North Suburban Eye Specialists violated Minnesota's Consumer Fraud Act, by advertising themselves as, "[t]he preferred LASIK provider of the Minnesota Vikings."

In December 2008, Ms. Linegar came under the care and treatment of Dr. Lobanoff for the purpose of having LASIK eye surgery. The complaint alleges that on January 7, 2009, without telling her in advance or discussing various options, Dr. Lobanoff performed not LASIK, but PRK, surgery on Ms. Linegar's eyes.

The complaint further alleges that when Ms. Linegar's vision did not improve and she complained of pain, Dr. Lobanoff quickly scheduled a second surgery, or "enhancement," despite the defendants' stated policy to wait six months before further surgery. Dr. Lobanoff failed to advise Ms. Linegar of the recommended six month waiting period and did not properly test Ms. Linegar's eyes for cornea disease. Nonetheless, on April 5, 2009, Dr. Lobanoff performed a second PRK surgery on Ms. Linegar's left eye.

As a result of the first two surgeries, Ms. Linegar developed haze and a scar in her left cornea, which left her functionally blind in that eye. Not to be deterred, Dr. Lobanoff recommended more surgery and on November 20, 2009, performed a third PRK surgery on Ms. Linegar's left eye. Due to the repeated, unwarranted and excessive treatments, Ms. Linegar must now undergo a corneal transplant in order to maintain any hope of restoring her vision.

In addition to the medical malpractice, the complaint also alleges that the defendants engage in false and misleading advertising. The complaint states that despite their advertising campaign, the defendants' only connection to the Vikings appears to be that Dr. Lobanoff performed LASIK surgery on Greg Coleman, who punted for the Vikings 25 years ago, before the invention of LASIK.

Ms. Linegar is represented by the Law Office of Todd J. Krouner in Chappaqua, New York and Michael A. Zimmer of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Krouner represents victims of LASIK surgery throughout the United States. Mr. Zimmer has extensive experience in litigating medical malpractice actions, including LASIK malpractice.

A copy of plaintiffs' complaint is available at [www.krounerlaw.com](http://www.krounerlaw.com). For further information, please contact Todd J. Krouner, Esq., at (914) 238-5800, or Michael A. Zimmer, Esq., at (612) 746-5546.