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Dean D'Angelo and Tracey D'Angelo v. Michael D. Duplessie, M. D. and Cataract and Laser
Eye Institute of America, P.C.

In the Circuit Court, Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. 34332-V

**DR. MICHAEL DUPLESSIE, SELF-PROCLAIMED "WORLD'S
BEST EYE SURGEON," SUED FOR LASIK MALPRACTICE**

On January 3, 2011, Dean D'Angelo filed a statement of claim against Michael Duplessie, M.D., and Cataract and Laser Eye Institute of America, P.C., in the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office for the State of Maryland, for the negligent performance of LASIK surgery.

In March 2007, Dr. Duplessie performed LASIK eye surgery on Mr. D'Angelo. The statement of claim alleges that when the initial surgery failed to improve Mr. D'Angelo's vision, Dr. Duplessie performed a second surgery, or so-called "enhancement," in June 2007, on Mr. D'Angelo's right eye, without having performed appropriate pre-operative testing. When the second surgery did not improve Mr. D'Angelo's vision, Dr. Duplessie performed a third surgery on Mr. D'Angelo's right eye, in February 2009, again without having performed appropriate pre-operative testing. When Dr. Duplessie's third surgery failed, he performed a fourth surgery on both of Mr. D'Angelo's eyes, on August 7, 2009. After four failed surgeries, Dr. Duplessie recommended a fifth surgery for Mr. D'Angelo. At that point, Mr. D'Angelo sought a second opinion, whereupon he learned that he had the cornea disease "ectasia," and was not a suitable candidate for LASIK surgery. The statement of claim contends that Dr. Duplessie's negligence in performing repeated surgeries on Mr. D'Angelo, rendered him legally blind in the right eye with a visual acuity of 20/600.

Ectasia is a disorder that causes progressive thinning and weakening of the cornea. Patients with ectasia often suffer a loss of visual acuity. In addition, individuals may suffer from a host of problems related to the quality of their vision, which include, without limitation, halos, blurry vision, glare, ghosting, starbursts, double vision, light sensitivity, contrast sensitivity, loss of depth perception, difficulty driving a motor vehicle, especially at night, headaches, dry eyes, and foreign body sensation.

Dr. Duplessie holds himself in the highest regard. On his website, he boasts that he is the "World's Best Eye Surgeon," and in a press release dated December 9, 2010, proclaims that he is "a renowned and ethical doctor whose fame and glory knows no bounds." See

www.worldsbesteyesurgeon.com; <http://www.free-press-release.com/news-dr-michael-duplessie-has-been-recommended-as-best-physicians-in-dc-maryland-and-virginia-1291882733.html>.

Mr. D'Angelo lives with his wife, Tracey, and three children in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. D'Angelo are represented by the Law Office of Todd J. Krouner in Chappaqua, New York, and George S. Tolley, III, of Timonium, Maryland. Mr. Krouner represents victims of LASIK surgery throughout the United States. Mr. Tolley has extensive experience in litigating medical malpractice actions, including LASIK malpractice.

A copy of the statement of claim is available at www.krounerlaw.com. For further information, please contact Todd J. Krouner, Esq., at (914) 238-5800, or George S. Tolley, III, Esq., at (410) 308-1600.