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To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify certain statements I made concerning Ricardo Quarrie, M.D., in connection with the case of Deborah Craven v. Yale-New Haven Hospital, et. al. I was counsel for Deborah Craven in that case.

My client's case against Yale related to a surgery that she underwent on May 18, 2015, in which demonstrable malpractice occurred and the wrong rib was removed. In her complaint against the defendants, including Dr. Quarrie, dated March 18, 2016, she alleged that Dr. Quarrie was negligent and "falsely informed the plaintiff [Deborah Craven] that the defendant had not removed enough rib and, for that reason, she would need to undergo another surgery under general anesthesia with all of the attendant risks and associated pain and disability."

As part of my representation, I repeated these allegations in an on-camera interview with FOX 61. Specifically, I stated:

- "Quarrie tried to cover up the mistake by stating that 'not enough rib' had been removed and that an immediate repeat surgery was required."
- "But the fact that a cardiothoracic surgeon in training would make the outrageous claim that 'not enough rib had been taken' really takes this to another level of culpability. Making the patient undergo another surgery the same day, without owning up to the real medical reason for the repeat surgery is just plain deceitful. Absent the lying my client never would have instituted a lawsuit."
- "There were multiple opportunities to correct the error here and it was compounded by the lies of trainee doctor Quarrie."

At the time of the interview, I believed these statements to be completely true and attributable to Dr. Quarrie. However, information uncovered in the course of the litigation's discovery phase demonstrates inaccuracies in those statements. The statements attributed to Dr. Quarrie were made by another health care practitioner at the hospital, or his designee, who elected to proceed with Mrs. Craven's initial surgery despite the fact that malfunctioning equipment prevented confirmation that the proper rib was being removed.

Therefore, I would like to explain the evidence that was uncovered during the discovery phase of the litigation to avoid any future misunderstandings regarding Dr. Quarrie. First, Ricardo Quarrie, M.D. was not the individual who removed part of the

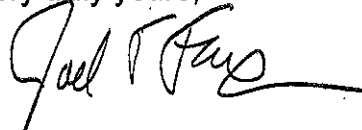
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wrong rib in Ms. Craven's first surgery. Based on discovery we obtained in the litigation, another health care practitioner at the hospital did that. Second, Ricardo Quarrie, M.D. did not make false statements to Mrs. Craven regarding her surgery. Specifically, he did not advise Mrs. Craven that she needed a second surgery because not enough rib was removed. Based on discovery we obtained in the litigation, that statement was made by another health care practitioner at the hospital. In fact, Dr. Quarrie never communicated with Mrs. Craven about her first surgery.

Based on the foregoing, I completely retract the statements I made regarding Dr. Quarrie in the FOX 61 News interview, which statements should have been targeted at other Yale health care professionals. I hope this letter clarifies any misunderstandings.

Very truly yours,



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