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**ARKANSAS PARENTS FILE SUIT FOR JURY TRIAL
AFTER DELIVERIES LEAVE CHILDREN MAIMED FOR LIFE**

Obstetrician, Hospital Cited for Pattern of Severe Infant Injuries, Neglect

DALLAS, TX (July 12, 2007) – Miller Curtis & Weisbrod, LLP, a Texas law firm that specializes in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases, recently in Hot Springs, Arkansas, filed a joint lawsuit on behalf of two Arkansas families alleging that their obstetrician permanently injured their children during birth and that the hospital where the babies were delivered knew about the doctor's pattern of malpractice and did nothing to stop it.

Filing the lawsuit together are Hot Springs residents Nikki and Jason Jacobs, parents of three and a half-year-old Taylor Jacobs, and Norman, Arkansas, residents Brandee and Rusty Telford, parents of Gaven Telford, now three years-old.

Named as defendants in the lawsuit are Hot Springs obstetrician Leo Ai Anh Yang and his business, Physicians for Women, PLC, and National Park Medical Center, the Hot Springs hospital where Dr. Yang has practice privileges. Lamar Porter and George Wise, attorneys with The Brad Hendricks Law Firm in Little Rock, AR are co-counsel on the case with Miller Curtis & Weisbrod.

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The Jacobs allege that during the March 3, 2004 delivery of their daughter, Dr. Yang applied a suction cup to their daughter's head to pull her from the womb while the nurse put pressure on Mrs. Jacob's stomach. The baby's head was delivered, but her shoulders became jammed behind her mother's pubic bone. In medical terms, this condition is known as shoulder dystocia, and it prevents the child from completely exiting the mother's womb. Upon encountering this difficulty, Dr. Yang pulled down on the baby's head, stretching the nerves in the baby's neck that make the arm work. Meanwhile, the net result is permanent injury to the baby's arm. The attending nurses also jumped on top of Mrs. Jacobs' stomach and applied strong pressure on the womb.

According to the lawsuit, virtually the same thing happened during the December 10, 2003 birth of baby Gaven Telford. After Dr. Yang induced labor, he applied the suction cup to her son's head while the nurse put pressure on Mrs. Telford's stomach. Again, the baby's head was delivered, but his shoulder got stuck. Again, Dr. Yang pulled down on the baby's head, stretching the nerves.

In each case, the lawsuit charges, after birth the child immediately showed signs of serious injury. Taylor, who weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches when she was born, displayed decreased movement in her left shoulder. She has undergone surgery to treat the injury, she currently requires physical therapy and is limited in the use of her arm. She will suffer for the rest of her life.

Gaven, who weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20½ inches long at birth, immediately displayed a limp right arm. He also has undergone surgery to address the injuries to his right shoulder nerves, requires physical therapy and will suffer for the rest of his life.

“These devastating, lifelong injuries never should have happened to either child. In almost 30 years of handling these kind of cases, I have never seen the same doctor in the same hospital injure two children in the same way within such a short timeframe,” said Les Weisbrod, partner at Miller, Curtis & Weisbrod, “This makes me believe there are likely other families whose children were injured by this doctor and hospital in the Hot Springs area that do not realize yet that their injuries were caused by medical malpractice.”

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The Jacobs and the Telfords charge Dr. Yang and Physicians for Women with negligence for failing:

- To perform an adequate assessment prior to inducing labor in both Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Telford;
- To evaluate, diagnose and treat the medical conditions of Nikki and Taylor Jacobs and Brandee and Gaven Telford in a proper and timely manner;
- To manage Taylor's and Gaven's shoulder dystocia in a proper and timely manner;
- To disclose fully and completely the risks and/or hazards of his proposed course of treatment and to inform Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Telford of alternatives;
- To ensure that adequate staff assistance was available for the deliveries of both children.

The two couples also allege the facts of both cases, taken together, demonstrate a pattern and practice of negligence in caring for and treating deliveries complicated by shoulder dystocia. The force the nurses applied to the mother's stomach is known as fundal pressure and is absolutely contraindicated in shoulder dystocia deliveries. Nursing Boards in other states have ruled that fundal pressure in these circumstances should never be applied even if a doctor orders it.

The lawsuit requests actual, exemplary, and punitive damages from Dr. Yang, Physicians for Women, and National Park Medical Center for each of the families.

Miller, Curtis & Weisbrod (mcwlawfirm.com) is a national law firm based in Dallas, Texas specializing in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases. Partners **Clay Miller, Bill Curtis** and **Les Weisbrod** have built the firm's reputation with successful verdicts, settlements, appeals and favorable decisions across the country. The firm has tried and settled more than 150 personal injury cases across the country, resulting in recoveries of \$1,000,000 or more. Les Weisbrod has obtained more medical malpractice punitive damage awards for clients than any other attorney in the United States and was recently selected as the president-elect of the American Association for Justice. The firm is committed to providing quality representation for clients who are seriously injured and families of victims who are killed as a result of the negligence or misconduct of others.

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****Note: A copy of the combined Jacobs-Telford filed/stamped petition is available. Les Weisbrod, partner at Miller Curtis & Weisbrod and the families are available for interviews.*