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**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SUIT FILED AFTER
MOM IN COMA GIVES BIRTH TO BABY**

Garland Father Sues After Pregnant Wife, Misdiagnosed, Suffers Massive Brain Aneurysm and Gives Birth While on Life Support Before Dying

**Physicians Gave Popular Oak Cliff Teacher, Now Dead, Brush-Off
Although She Complained of Severe Headaches, Vomiting**

DALLAS, Texas (February 25, 2008)—Miller, Curtis & Weisbrod, a Texas law firm that specializes in medical malpractice and catastrophic injury litigation, today filed a lawsuit in state District Court in Dallas County on behalf of a Garland man whose pregnant wife, now dead, ended up giving birth prematurely while on life support after being horribly misdiagnosed.

Marcus Rojas, for the estate and on behalf of his infant daughter, Zoe Sofia Rojas, is suing Dallas physicians Kavitha Blewett, M.D., and Angela M. Angel, M.D., and their medical practice, Women's Health Specialists of Dallas, P.A., alleging they failed to make a timely diagnosis of the true condition of his late wife, Stacy Foster-Rojas, resulting in her untimely death. The lawsuit also names as a defendant MedAmi, LLC, which owns Women's Health Specialists of Dallas.

Stacy Foster-Rojas became one of Dr. Blewett's patients in 2005. She was a popular chemistry teacher at Molina High School in Oak Cliff and became pregnant in 2006. From the outset of Foster-

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Rojas's patient relationship with Dr. Blewett, the latter's medical records noted that Foster-Rojas had high blood pressure. Dr. Blewett, however, never ordered any tests or follow-up during Foster-Rojas's pregnancy to monitor the condition.

High blood pressure can be very serious for pregnant women and is associated with increased risk of death for both mother and child. In failing to investigate further or to treat Foster-Rojas's high blood pressure before and during her pregnancy, Dr. Blewett violated the appropriate standard of medical care.

On April 8, 2007, just 25 weeks' pregnant, Foster-Rojas developed an extremely severe headache, accompanied by vomiting, sensitivity to light, and severe abdominal pain. When Marcus Rojas contacted Dr. Blewett, she instructed him to try fluids and Tylenol but she did not recommend taking Stacy to the emergency room.

During the office exam the following day and without further tests, Dr. Angel diagnosed Foster-Rojas with a sinus infection and directed her to take Claritin D and use a heating pad.

One of the side effects of Claritin-D, which contains pseudo ephedrine, is to raise blood pressure. In directing Foster-Rojas to take this over-the-counter medication, Dr. Angel violated the standards of medical care by aggravating Foster-Rojas's already high blood pressure.

On the morning of April 10, Foster-Rojas began vomiting and complaining of an excruciating headache. Her husband again contacted Dr. Angel, who told him to bring his wife into the office at 8:30 a.m. when the office opened for normal business hours.

Before that visit could take place, Foster-Rojas became incoherent, incontinent, and suffered a seizure. Her husband called 911 for emergency medical care and she was rushed via ambulance to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas where she was diagnosed with a ruptured blood vessel in the brain. A surgeon there placed a drain in Foster-Rojas's head to try to relieve the pressure but the effort came too late.

On April 11, 2007, Foster-Rojas was declared brain dead, but kept on life support to allow her unborn child to continue to grow. Her daughter, Zoe Sophia Rojas, was delivered by Caesarian section on May 11. The premature baby girl weighed just 3 lbs. 3 oz. and spent the next several months in the hospital.

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Two days after giving birth, Stacy Foster-Rojas died after being removed from life support.

“Had Stacy been instructed to go to an emergency room after the initial complaint of a severe headache or even the next morning when she was seen in the office, in all likelihood she could have been treated successfully for the ballooning blood vessel in her brain and lived to see her daughter be born and grow up,” said Les Weisbrod, Miller, Curtis & Weisbrod partner. “Her doctors simply were not paying any real attention or listening to their patient and her true medical issues. Stacy showed high blood pressure the very first time they examined her three years ago. Yet they did nothing to treat this serious condition and continued to ignore it even after she became pregnant, and even after she complained about a headache so bad it made her vomit. They gave her the brush-off instead.”

In his lawsuit, Rojas charges Drs. Blewett and Angel, the Women’s Health Specialists of Dallas, and its owner with gross negligence for failing to:

- Evaluate, diagnose, and treat Foster Rojas’s medical condition in a timely manner;
- Evaluate, diagnose, and treat Foster-Rojas’s high blood pressure in a timely manner;
- Obtain appropriate consultants for Foster-Rojas;
- To intervene in Foster-Rojas’s care in a timely and appropriate manner;
- To recognize the severity of Foster-Rojas’s condition;

The suit asks for an unspecified amount of actual, exemplary, and punitive damages plus court costs for Foster-Rojas’s pain and suffering and medical expenses prior to her death and for her daughter’s loss of love, companionship and society due to her mother’s death as well as her daughter’s medical expenses, past and future.

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Available to the media:

- *A copy of the file-stamped Rojas petition*

- *Expert reports*

- *Spokespersons include Miller Curtis & Weisbrod partner Les Weisbrod and Marcus Rojas*