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June 11

Mr. Davis Geach
Ms. Carola Mossien
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Re: Ronny Pecoraino

Mr. Geach:

As we discussed by telephone this morning, as legal counsel for the hospital, I have received a demand letter from the attorney representing Mr. Ronny Pecoraino's family. Mr. Pecoraino apparently passed away at the hospital on May 10th. The demand letter indicates that if an agreement cannot be reached, the family plans on suing the hospital for medical negligence.

The next step would be to gather information on the care provided to Mr. Pecoraino in order to assess potential liability. As we agreed, Ms. Mossien and I will meet at the beginning of next week to discuss the case and review the medical information.

As I indicated by phone, there are several options available to the hospital. The hospital can use the demand letter as an opportunity to negotiate with the family to settle the case prior to a lawsuit being filed. Another alternative is for the hospital to wait until a formal lawsuit is filed and respond during the litigation process. In addition, alternative dispute resolution options such as mediation or arbitration are often useful to resolve issues out of court; either before or after a lawsuit has been filed.

I will continue to keep you apprised of the case.

Beverly Downey, Esq.