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Dear Mr. Fishman, Mr. Hiles, Mr. Kuratz and Ms. Kuhn

I am writing you today to inform you that you have a serious problem in the Mason et al, v. Wasatch Property Mgmt Inc, et al. CA-CV 2008-0162, Ca-Cv No. 2008-0165 Court of Appeals, Arizona, Division One litigation. This case is commonly referred to as the ("Abad Case").

The National Apartment Association ("NAA") has submitted an Amicus Curiae Brief in support of your expert witnesses' opinions that cites false University of California physician authorship as one of its substantive references, according to the UC physician. According to the under oath testimony of the UC physician, your experts themselves added his name to the medico-legal policy paper that was written on behalf of the US Chamber of Commerce without his knowledge. Your experts were paid to write "A Scientific View of the Health Effects of Mold" by the Manhattan Institute think-tank with specific directions that it be something to be made "accessible to judges". Although the NAA is holding this paper out as a legitimate scientific reference, your experts do not even acknowledge they authored the Scientific View of the US Chamber on their curriculum vitae.

Should this NAA Amicus influence the perception of the courts as to the current accepted scientific understanding of the health effects of mold, and rule in your favor; you still lose because of a scientific fraud submitted into the legal proceeding as a substantive scientific reference for the courts to consider.

It would be my suggestion to you that you encourage the friendly NAA attorneys to retract their Amicus Brief. Attached is a notarized letter to the UC physician regarding the matter.

It is not only the Abad Case that is impacted by the deceit when large political action committees such as the NAA submit fraudulent Amicus Briefs into legal proceedings while portraying "a nonscientific piece" to be substantive "scientific piece" legal document purportedly reflective of the consensus of scientific community, but US public health policy as a whole.

Thank you for your help with this very serious matter.

Sincerely,



Sharon Kramer

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PS. Russ, you have a typo on your website with regard to your expertise on your Toxic Torts link:

"The attorneys at Stone & Hiles have over 100 years in collective experience of handling toxic tort claims. These claims have continuously represented a significant segment of our practice, and do so at the present time.

Over the last 50 years, toxic tort claims have grown in magnitude and frequency, and have altered the legal landscape of our country's litigation process. As new products enter the marketplace or as medical research progresses, new practice areas arise in which these claims proliferate.

At each juncture, the attorneys at Stone & Hiles have been there to assist clients in the areas of compliance and litigation. And on each occasion we have provided the best, most cost-effective results possible.

For example, in 1995, the firm was charged with the **responsibility** of serving as Lead Pharmacy Counsel for all of the Fen-Phen cases in California, and then, within various other states, coordinating mass litigation in all of these matters.

Since 2002 the firm has been chosen by several insurance companies to be their National Coordinating Counsel for all of their mold claims. The firm developed a nationally recognized mold defense strategy that is now employed in the defense of these matters.

The firm has continuously accepted new challenges, and met them by implementing sound fundamental legal principles, using thoughtful hard work, and applying the latest technology, all consistent with the charge of performing these tasks in the most cost-effective manner possible."