## **ACHEMMIC**

#### ACTION COMMITTEE ON THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF MOLD, MICROBES AND INDOOR CONTAMINANTS

May 15, 2010

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RE: The University of California's name is included in implied endorsement of a 2003 U.S. Chamber of Commerce publication currently referenced in a 2010 legal proceeding.

Honorable Governor Schwarzenegger, Chairman Gould and President Yudof,

The University of California is world renowned for its role in promoting and protecting public health by its outstanding physician education and the integrity of its medical teaching facilities.

The Action Committee on the Health Effects of Mold, Microbes and Indoor Contaminants (ACHEMMIC) is comprised of volunteer physicians, scientists, researchers, indoor air quality experts, industrial hygienists, building engineers, teachers, advocates and others who work cohesively to promote integrity in U.S. public health policy with regard to the adverse health effects of mold, microbes and indoor contaminants that are frequently found in water-damaged buildings. <sup>1</sup>

ACHEMMIC has the following concerns:

- 1. The University of California name is apparently being used as an implied signatory of the 2003 U.S. Chamber of Commerce publication.<sup>2</sup>
- 2. It appears that the name of the University of California is being used as an implied scientific endorsement of the contents of said U.S. Chamber publication.<sup>3</sup>
- 3. It is our understanding that it is a violation of the California Constitution, Article IX, Section 9 (f) for the University of California name to be used to promote a document of political and sectarian influence.
- 4. The contents of the document are contrary to recent scientific findings by national and international experts, including some within the State of California.

The people who have been harmed by contaminants in water-damaged buildings and erroneous public health policy over the mold issue come from all walks of life. They are white collar workers, blue collar workers, retirees, veterans, teachers, business owners, homeowners, tenants, children, parents and grandparents. They work or are schooled in newly constructed and older buildings. They reside in all parts of the United States and around the globe. They live

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> (2010) Membership Roster for ACHEMMIC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> (2003) Listed authors and conclusion of "A Scientific View of the Health Effects of Mold" U.S. Chamber ILR in relevant part

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> (2009) Amicus Curiae Brief, National Apartment Association, citing "A Scientific View," in relevant part

in owned, mortgaged, or rented houses and apartments- large and small, new and old, grand and humble. Some live in military housing, trailers or on reservations. Those affected by this issue are affluent, poor and middle class. They are able-bodied taxpayers and disabled citizens. They are the insured and uninsured by health, workers compensation and property casualty insurance companies. They represent the melting pot of citizens that make up this great country of ours--the United States of America. They depend on integrity in medical science within U.S. medical teaching universities and within the courts to protect their health and safety and the health and safety of their families.

We appreciate the University of California Regents' prompt attention to this matter with broad implications impacting mold toxic torts and public health policy as a whole if left unaddressed by the Regents.

For your convenience, we have attached our membership roster and documents of specific concern. Should ACHEMMIC be of further assistance to the Regents of the U.C. over this matter, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully yours,

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Enclosures: 3

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(2010) Membership roster for ACHEMMIC Please see http://achemmic.com

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(2003) U.S. Chamber ILR "A Scientific View of the Health Effects of Mold" in relevant part.

\*Please see

http://www.uschamber.com/publications/reports/030717\_ilr\_mold.htm

# The Growing Hazard of Mold Litigation





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# A Scientific View Of The Health Effects Of Mold

By Bryan D. Hardin, Ph.D., Andrew Saxon, M.D., Coreen Robbins, Ph.D., CIH, and Bruce J. Kelman, Ph.D., DABT

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Nevertheless, except for persons with severely impaired immune systems, indoor mold is not a source of fungal infections, and current scientific evidence does not support the idea that human health has been adversely affected by inhaled mold toxins in home, school, or office environments. Thus, the notion that "toxic mold" is an insidious, secret "killer," as so many media reports and trial lawyers would claim, is "junk science" unsupported by actual scientific study.

#### **EXHIBIT**

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(2009) NAA Amicus Brief citing U.S. Chamber ILR "A Scientific View" with coauthor Andrew Saxon, UCLA; in relevant part.

Please see http://katysexposure.files.wordpress.com/2009/10/naa1.pdf

#### COURT OF APPEALS STATE OF ARIZONA DIVISION ONE

TRICIA MASON, et al.,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

WASATCH PROP. MGMT., INC., et al.

Defendants-Appellees

KAITLYN MORRIS, et al.,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

WASATCH PROP. MGMT., INC., et al.

Defendants-Appellees

APRIL ABAD, et al., ALICIA STEWART, et al.

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs-Appellants alleged injuries include: a disabled, developmentally delayed child; permanent neurological deficiencies; headaches; memory loss; long term asthma; long term respiratory problems; gastrointestinal problems; a variety of other short term respiratory problems, and death of two infants.

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In a report entitled, A Scientific View of the Health Effects of Mold, a panel of scientists, industrial hygienists including toxicologists and stated that years of intense study have failed to produce any causal connection between exposure to indoor mold and adverse health effects. U.S. Chamber of Commerce, A Scientific View of the Health Effects of Mold (2003) at p. 64 and p. 65. The report also concludes that in other than individuals with severely impaired immune systems, indoor mold is not a cause of infections, and "current scientific evidence does not support the idea that human health has been adversely affected by inhaled mold toxins in home, school, or office environments." Id. at p. 65. In fact, when note that speaking of their report, the authors "science has confirmed common sense" since mold is not some rare, exotic material but is everywhere, making up twenty-five (25) percent of the earth's biomass.

able to identify and retain witnesses with training in science to support their claims does not automatically result in the admissibility of that testimony. The trial court appropriately focused upon whether their theories had gained acceptance within the scientific, and not the legal communities. State of Arizona v. Court of Appeals, 197 Ariz. 79, 3 P.3d 999 (1999). In this case, they have not.

We urge the Court to affirm the trial court ruling below.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of August 2009.

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