

Hissey Kientz, LLP Files Lawsuit Against AMO Complete Manufacturer

Hissey Kientz, LLP has filed a lawsuit against the maker of AMO Complete on behalf of a 71-year-old woman who suffered severe eye damage and was forced to undergo a corneal transplant.

Austin, TX (<u>PRWEB</u>) September 26, 2007 -- The law office of <u>Hissey Kientz</u> announced that it has filed a lawsuit against Advanced Medical Optics on behalf of a 71-year-old woman who suffered eye damage and vision loss as a result of a severe eye infection (Case No. 07CC07060). The lawsuit, filed in the Orange County Superior Court of California, alleges that the victim's use of Advanced Medical Optics' Complete Moisture Plus contact lens solution (AMO Complete) caused her to develop the eye infection <u>Acanthamoeba keratitis</u>.

According to the lawsuit, the victim began to experience severe eye pain in December 2004 and decided to see an eye doctor. After several doctors were unable to determine what was causing the victim's eye pain and vision loss, she was diagnosed with Acanthamoeba keratitis, a serious eye infection caused by a type of parasite.

Although the victim received several prescriptions to treat her infection, the damage to her eye was so great that she required a corneal transplant in March 2006.

AMO Complete was recalled by Advanced Medical Optics on May 25, 2007, after the CDC determined that more than half of the patients it interviewed had developed the eye infection Acanthamoeba keratitis after using the solution. The CDC has identified at least 138 Acanthamoeba keratitis infections so far. Doctors estimate that about half of these patients may eventually require a cornea transplant to correct the damage to their eyesight from infection.

The first evidence of a link between AMO Complete and Acanthamoeba keratitis was uncovered in 2004, when doctors at a hospital in Illinois treated more than a dozen patients with this rare type of infection. Normally they would receive only one or two cases per year.

After reporting this outbreak to the CDC, a preliminary investigation revealed that thirteen eye centers across the country had experienced a similar rise in Acanthamoeba keratitis cases since 2004. The CDC determined that AMO Complete were up to seven times more likely to develop the infection than other patients. This led to the recall of AMO Complete.

About Hissey Kientz, LLP

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