ANDREA LANE 4840 Clifton Avenue Baltimore, MD 21207

and

DONOVAN C. MARTINEZ 4840 Clifton Avenue Baltimore, MD 21207

**Plaintiffs** 

and

TERESA HOFFMAN, M.D. AND ASSOCIATES, LLC 301 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202

SERVE ON: RESIDENT AGENT: Linda H. Jones, Esq. Suite 400 218 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21202

and

ST. PAUL PLACE SPECIALISTS, LLC 301 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202

SERVE ON: RESIDENT AGENT: Linda H. Jones, Esq. Suite 400 218 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21202

and

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER, INC. 301 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202

SERVE ON: RESIDENT AGENT: Linda H. Jones, Esq. Suite 400 IN THE

CIRCUIT COURT

**FOR** 

BALTIMORE CITY,

**MARYLAND** 

CIVIL # 24-6-65229

218 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21202

and

MERCY HEALTH SERVICES, INC. 301 St. Paul Street Baltimore, MD 21202

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SERVE ON: RESIDENT AGENT:

Linda H. Jones, Esq. Suite 400

218 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Defendants

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#### COMPLAINT & ELECTION FOR JURY TRIAL

The Plaintiffs, Andrea Lane and Donovan C. Martinez, by and through their attorneys, Bruce J. Babij, Ellen B. Flynn, and Dugan, Babij, Tolley & Kohler, LLC, sue the Defendants, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC; Mercy Medical Center, Inc.; St. Paul Place Specialists, Inc.; and Mercy Health Services, Inc., and states as follows:

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, is an adult resident of the State of Maryland, residing at 4840 Clifton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21207.
- 2. The Plaintiff, Donavan C. Martinez, is an adult resident of the State of Maryland residing at 4840 Clifton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21207.

- 3. The Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., and Associates, LLC, is a medical corporation organized and existing under the law of the State of Maryland, with its principal place of business located in Baltimore City at 301 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.
- 4. The Defendant, St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, is a medical corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with its principal place of business located in Baltimore City at 301 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.
- 5. The Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., is a medical corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with its principal place of business located in Baltimore City at 301 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.
- 6. The Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., is a medical corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with its principal place of business located in Baltimore City at 301 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

#### AMOUNT OF CLAIM AND VENUE

- 7. The amount of this claim exceeds Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).
- 8. The Plaintiffs have complied with and satisfied all requirements and statutory conditions precedent of the Maryland Health Care malpractice Claims Act, Md. Cts. & Jud. Procs. Code Ann. §§ 3-2A-01 et seq., in that the Plaintiffs filed their claims in the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office of on or about September 9, 2016. Statement of Claim, attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1. The Plaintiffs filed a Certificate of Merit and Report and Election to Waive Arbitration with the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office of Maryland on or about September 9, 2016, and an Order of Transfer was issued by the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office of

Maryland on or about September 14, 2016. Certificate of Merit and Report attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit 2; Election to Waive Arbitration attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit 3; and Order of Transfer, attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

9. The Plaintiffs relate back to, repeat, reallege, adopt and incorporate by reference the initial Statement of Claim filed in the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office of Maryland on September 9, 2016, as though fully set forth herein.

# COUNT I (Negligence – Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC)

The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, repeats, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 9 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- 10. At all times of which the Plaintiffs complain, the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, was licensed to provide obstetrical medical services in the State of Maryland and represented to the public and to the Plaintiffs possession of that degree of skill, knowledge and ability ordinarily possessed by a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialty of obstetrics.
- 11. At all times of which the Plaintiffs complain, Remya Arul, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC.
- 12. At all times of which the Plaintiffs complain, Janna Mudd, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC.

- 13. At all times of which the Plaintiffs complain, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC.
- 14. At all times of which the Plaintiffs complain, Tracie Cox, CNM, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC.
- 15. At all times of which the Plaintiffs complain, Erika Nichelson, M.D, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC.
- 16. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, the individual Health Care Providers who provided obstetrical and pre-natal care and treatment to the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, including, but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., were each acting as the real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC.
- 17. The Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, including, but not limited to, Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., owed to the Plaintiffs a duty to exercise that degree of care, skill and judgment ordinarily expected of a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialties of obstetrics and maternal/fetal medicine in the same or similar circumstances; that duty included the proper acquisition and interpretation of clinical, radiologic, laboratory, pathologic and diagnostic information and data; the

prompt performance of adequate and appropriate diagnostic tests and procedures to determine the nature and severity of any medical conditions suffered by the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, and/or her baby; the prompt employment of appropriate care and treatments to correct such condition(s) and the duty of appropriate notification to the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery.

- 18. On or about June 26, 2015, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, came under the care and treatment of Defendant Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, for the provision of obstetrical medical care attendant to her pregnancy with Donovan Elijah Martinez, deceased.
- 19. The Plaintiffs aver that, as a result of the inadequate and inappropriate management of her pregnancy by the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, suffered the untreated and unmitigated progression of severe pre-eclampsia, eclampsia, eclamptic seizures and the attendant death of her baby.
- 20. The Plaintiffs further aver that during the course of Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC's, obstetrical care and treatment of the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, the Plaintiff suffered significant weight gain, the development of "2+" edema and increasing proteinuria as measured by dipstick, reportedly reaching +++ at time of her last prenatal visit on 11/16/15 at which time the Plaintiff was also reported to be complaining of upper gastric abdominal pain.

- 21. The Plaintiffs further aver that, on or about November 18, 2015, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was observed to be exhibiting seizure activity. An ambulance was called and the Plaintiff was emergently transported to the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. An ultrasound performed upon admission confirmed a fetal death in utero at approximately 28 6/7 weeks gestation. The deceased fetus was eventually delivered dead via Cytotec induced vaginal delivery on November 18, 2015. The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was diagnosed with severe pre-eclampsia/eclampsia directly causing the death of her baby and grievous injury and harm to herself.
- 22. The Plaintiffs further aver that, as a result of the inadequate, inappropriate and negligent medical and nursing care, treatment and management of Andrea Lane's prenatal care by the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was severely injured and damaged and her baby, Donovan Elijah Martinez, died.
- 23. The Plaintiffs further aver that the injuries, damages and losses complained of by them were due to the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, who breached their aforementioned duties to the Plaintiffs.
- 24. The negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Failing to employ adequate diagnostic procedures and tests to determine the nature and severity of the condition of the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, and/or that of her baby;
  - b. Failing to diagnose such conditions carefully;

- c. Failing to employ appropriate treatments and procedures to correct such conditions;
- d. Failing to carefully and thoroughly evaluate the effects of the chosen treatments;
- e. Failing reasonably and expeditiously to assess and appropriately intervene in response to signs and symptoms of developing pre-eclampsia/eclampsia during the course of the Plaintiff's pregnancy with Donavan Elijah Martinez (deceased);
- f. Failing to expeditiously and reasonably monitor and treat the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, for pre-eclampsia/eclampsia; pre-eclampsia
- g. Failing to reasonably advise the Plaintiff of the signs, symptoms and the maternal and fetal consequences associated with the development of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia an; pre-eclampsia
- h. Being otherwise careless and negligent.
- 25. The Plaintiffs further aver that, as a result of the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her viable baby, Donavan Elijah Martinez, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.
- 26. The Plaintiffs further aver that, as a result of the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal

vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.

- 27. The Plaintiffs further aver that, as a result of the negligence of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.
- 28. The Plaintiffs further aver that all of the injuries, damages and losses complained of by them, and the death of their son, Donovan Elijah Martinez, were caused by the negligence of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Plaintiff contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Plaintiffs, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, for an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

# COUNT II (Informed Consent – Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC)

The Plaintiff, repeats, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs

1 through 28 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- 29. The Plaintiffs further aver that, the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, owed to the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, the appropriate and timely notification to the Plaintiff of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of monitoring, care and treatment including, but not limited to, the risks and benefits of inpatient hospitalization, of the treatment for developing pre-eclampsia and eclampsia with appropriate medications and the potential need for the preterm delivery of her viable baby and other available modalities for the monitoring, care and treatment of any progression in the development of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.
- 30. The Plaintiffs further aver that the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, failed to appropriately, timely and adequately obtain an informed consent from the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, to its chosen course of pregnancy monitoring, management, care and treatment.
- 31. The Plaintiffs further aver that, as a result of the failure by the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, to obtain an informed consent, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her fetus, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.
- 32. The Plaintiffs further aver that, as a result of the failure by the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, through its duly authorized real and/or

apparent agents, servants and/or employees, to obtain an informed consent, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.

- 33. The Plaintiffs further aver that, as a result of the failure by the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, to obtain an informed consent, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.
- 34. The Plaintiffs further aver that, as a result of the failure by the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, to obtain an informed consent, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, has been forced to incur and in the future will continue to incur, expenses for the medical care, medicines, rehabilitation costs and related damages and expenses.
- 35. The Plaintiffs further aver that all of the injuries and damages complained of by her were caused by the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Plaintiff contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Plaintiffs, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, for an amount in excess of the

minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

## COUNT III (Negligence – Mercy Medical Center, Inc.)

The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 35 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- 36. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., was licensed to provide obstetrical medical services in the State of Maryland and represented to the public and to the Plaintiffs possession of that degree of skill, knowledge and ability ordinarily possessed by a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialty of obstetrics.
- 37. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Remya Arul, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.
- 38. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Janna Mudd, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.
- 39. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.
- 40. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Tracie Cox, CNM, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.

- 41. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Erika Nichelson, M.D, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.
- 42. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, the individual Health Care Providers who provided obstetrical and labor and delivery care and treatment to the Plaintiff, including, but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., were each acting as the real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.
- apparent agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., owed to the Plaintiff a duty to exercise that degree of care, skill and judgment ordinarily expected of a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialties of obstetrics and maternal/fetal medicine in the same or similar circumstances; that duty included the proper acquisition and interpretation of clinical, radiologic, laboratory, pathologic and diagnostic information and data; the prompt performance of adequate and appropriate diagnostic tests and procedures to determine the nature and severity of any medical conditions suffered by the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane; the prompt employment of appropriate care and treatments to correct such condition(s) and the duty of appropriate notification to the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery.

- 44. On or about June 26, 2015, Plaintiff Andrea Lane, came under the care and treatment of Defendant Mercy Medical Center, Inc., for the provision of obstetrical medical care attendant to her pregnancy with Donovan Elijah Martinez.
- 45. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the inadequate and inappropriate management of her pregnancy by the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, suffered progression of severe eclampsia, seizure, and loss of her fetus.
- 46. During the course of Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.'s treatment of Ms. Lane, Ms. Lane suffered significant weight gain, the development of "2+" edema and increasing proteinuria as measured by dipstick, reportedly reaching +++ at time of the last prenatal visit on 11/16/15 at which time the patient was also reported to be complaining of upper abdominal pain. Despite these findings, Plaintiff Andrea Lane was not admitted to the hospital or scheduled to be admitted to the hospital for further evaluation or treatment of pre-eclampsia/eclampsia.
- 47. The Plaintiff further avers that on or about November 18, 2015, Ms. Lane was observed to be exhibiting seizure-like activity. An ambulance was called and Ms. Lane was emergently transported to the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. An ultrasound performed upon admission confirmed a fetal death in utero at approximately 28 6/7 weeks gestation. The deceased fetus was delivered via Cytotec induced vaginal delivery on November 18, 2015. Ms. Lane was diagnosed with pre-eclampsia/eclampsia to which the fetal death in utero was attributed.

- 48. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the inadequate, inappropriate and negligent medical and nursing care, treatment and management of Andrea Lane's prenatal care by the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was severely injured and damaged.
- 49. The Plaintiff further avers that the injuries, damages and losses complained of by her were due to the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, who breached their aforementioned duties to the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane.
- 50. The negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Failing to employ adequate diagnostic procedures and tests to determine the nature and severity of the condition of the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane;
  - b. Failing to diagnose such conditions carefully;
  - c. Failing to employ appropriate treatments and procedures to correct such conditions;
  - d. Failing to carefully and thoroughly evaluate the effects of the chosen treatments;
  - e. Failing reasonably and expeditiously to assess and appropriately intervene in response to signs and symptoms of developing pre-eclampsia/eclampsia during the course of the Plaintiff's pregnancy with Donavan Elijah Martinez (deceased);
  - f. Failing to admit Plaintiff Andrea Lane for monitoring and treatment of severe pre-eclampsia;
  - g. Failing to prescribe and administer anti-seizure prophylaxis medication;

- h. Failing to advise Plaintiff of the risks and benefits of treatment of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia;
- i. being otherwise careless and negligent in the management of developing signs and symptoms of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.
- 51. The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, further avers that, as a result of the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her viable fetus Donavan Elijah Martinez, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.
- 52. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.
- 53. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the negligence of the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.

54. The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, further avers that all of the injuries, damages and losses complained of by her were caused by the negligence of the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Plaintiff contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., for an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

## COUNT IV (Informed Consent – Mercy Medical Center, Inc.)

The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, repeats, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 54 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- 55. The Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., owed to the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, the duty of appropriate and timely notification to the Plaintiff of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery, including, but not limited to, the risks and benefits of treatment of pre-eclampsia with seizure prophylaxis medications, delivery of her preterm fetus, and/or hospital admission for close monitoring and treatment of her signs of symptoms of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.
- 56. The Plaintiff further avers that the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or

employees, was negligent in failing to appropriately, timely and adequately obtain an informed consent from the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, to its chosen course of pregnancy management, treatment and delivery, and was otherwise negligent.

- 57. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her fetus, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.
- 58. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.
- 59. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.
- 60. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and

through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, has been forced to incur and in the future will continue to incur, expenses for the medical care, medicines, rehabilitation costs and related damages and expenses.

61. The Plaintiff further avers that all of the injuries and damages complained of by her were caused by the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Plaintiff contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., for an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

### COUNT V (Negligence – St. Paul Specialists, Inc.)

The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 61 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

62. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., was licensed to provide obstetrical medical services in the State of Maryland and represented to the public and to the Plaintiffs possession of that degree of skill, knowledge and ability ordinarily possessed by a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialty of obstetrics.

- 63. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Remya Arul, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.
- 64. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Janna Mudd, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.
- 65. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.
- 66. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Tracie Cox, CNM, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.
- 67. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Erika Nichelson, M.D, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.
- 68. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, the individual Health Care Providers who provided obstetrical and labor and delivery care and treatment to the Plaintiff, including, but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., were each acting as the real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.
- 69. The Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna

Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., owed to the Plaintiff a duty to exercise that degree of care, skill and judgment ordinarily expected of a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialties of obstetrics and maternal/fetal medicine in the same or similar circumstances; that duty included the proper acquisition and interpretation of clinical, radiologic, laboratory, pathologic and diagnostic information and data; the prompt performance of adequate and appropriate diagnostic tests and procedures to determine the nature and severity of any medical conditions suffered by the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane; the prompt employment of appropriate care and treatments to correct such condition(s) and the duty of appropriate notification to the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery.

- 70. On or about June 26, 2015, Plaintiff Andrea Lane, came under the care and treatment of Defendant St. Paul Specialists, Inc., for the provision of obstetrical medical care attendant to her pregnancy with Donovan Elijah Martinez.
- 71. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the inadequate and inappropriate management of her pregnancy by the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, suffered progression of severe eclampsia, seizure, and loss of her fetus.
- 72. During the course of Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.'s treatment of Ms. Lane, Ms. Lane suffered significant weight gain, the development of "2+" edema and increasing proteinuria as measured by dipstick, reportedly reaching +++ at time of the last

prenatal visit on 11/16/15 at which time the patient was also reported to be complaining of upper abdominal pain. Despite these findings, Plaintiff Andrea Lane was not admitted to the hospital or scheduled to be admitted to the hospital for further evaluation or treatment of pre-eclampsia/eclampsia.

- 73. The Plaintiff further avers that on or about November 18, 2015, Ms. Lane was observed to be exhibiting seizure-like activity. An ambulance was called and Ms. Lane was emergently transported to the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. An ultrasound performed upon admission confirmed a fetal death in utero at approximately 28 6/7 weeks gestation. The deceased fetus was delivered via Cytotec induced vaginal delivery on November 18, 2015. Ms. Lane was diagnosed with pre-eclampsia/eclampsia to which the fetal death in utero was attributed.
- 74. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the inadequate, inappropriate and negligent medical and nursing care, treatment and management of Andrea Lane's prenatal care by the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was severely injured and damaged.
- 75. The Plaintiff further avers that the injuries, damages and losses complained of by her were due to the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, who breached their aforementioned duties to the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane.

- 76. The negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Failing to employ adequate diagnostic procedures and tests to determine the nature and severity of the condition of the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane;
  - b. Failing to diagnose such conditions carefully;
  - c. Failing to employ appropriate treatments and procedures to correct such conditions;
  - d. Failing to carefully and thoroughly evaluate the effects of the chosen treatments;
  - e. Failing reasonably and expeditiously to assess and appropriately intervene in response to signs and symptoms of developing pre-eclampsia/eclampsia during the course of the Plaintiff's pregnancy with Donavan Elijah Martinez (deceased);
  - f. Failing to admit Plaintiff Andrea Lane for monitoring and treatment of severe pre-eclampsia;
  - g. Failing to prescribe and administer anti-seizure prophylaxis medication;
  - h. Failing to advise Plaintiff of the risks and benefits of treatment of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia;
  - i. being otherwise careless and negligent in the management of developing signs and symptoms of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.
- 77. The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, further avers that, as a result of the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her viable fetus Donavan Elijah Martinez, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.

- 78. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.
- 79. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the negligence of the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.
- 80. The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, further avers that all of the injuries, damages and losses complained of by her were caused by the negligence of the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Plaintiff contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., for an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

# COUNT VI (Informed Consent – St. Paul Specialists, Inc.)

The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, repeats, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 80 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- 81. The Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., owed to the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, the duty of appropriate and timely notification to the Plaintiff of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery, including, but not limited to, the risks and benefits of treatment of pre-eclampsia with seizure prophylaxis medications, delivery of her preterm fetus, and/or hospital admission for close monitoring and treatment of her signs of symptoms of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.
- 82. The Plaintiff further avers that the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, was negligent in failing to appropriately, timely and adequately obtain an informed consent from the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, to its chosen course of pregnancy management, treatment and delivery, and was otherwise negligent.
- 83. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her fetus, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.

- 84. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.
- 85. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.
- 86. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, has been forced to incur and in the future will continue to incur, expenses for the medical care, medicines, rehabilitation costs and related damages and expenses.
- 87. The Plaintiff further avers that all of the injuries and damages complained of by her were caused by the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Plaintiff contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., for an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

## COUNT VII (Negligence – Mercy Health Services, Inc.)

The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 87 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- 88. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., was licensed to provide obstetrical medical services in the State of Maryland and represented to the public and to the Plaintiffs possession of that degree of skill, knowledge and ability ordinarily possessed by a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialty of obstetrics.
- 89. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Remya Arul, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc.
- 90. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Janna Mudd, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc.
- 91. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc.

- 92. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Tracie Cox, CNM, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc.
- 93. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, Erika Nichelson, M.D, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc.
- 94. At all times of which the Plaintiff complains, the individual Health Care Providers who provided obstetrical and labor and delivery care and treatment to the Plaintiff, including, but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., were each acting as the real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc.
- 95. The Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., owed to the Plaintiff a duty to exercise that degree of care, skill and judgment ordinarily expected of a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialties of obstetrics and maternal/fetal medicine in the same or similar circumstances; that duty included the proper acquisition and interpretation of clinical, radiologic, laboratory, pathologic and diagnostic information and data; the prompt performance of adequate and appropriate diagnostic tests and procedures to determine the nature and severity of any medical conditions suffered by the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane; the prompt employment of appropriate care and treatments to correct such condition(s) and

the duty of appropriate notification to the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery.

- 96. On or about June 26, 2015, Plaintiff Andrea Lane, came under the care and treatment of Defendant Mercy Health Services, Inc., for the provision of obstetrical medical care attendant to her pregnancy with Donovan Elijah Martinez.
- 97. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the inadequate and inappropriate management of her pregnancy by the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, suffered progression of severe eclampsia, seizure, and loss of her fetus.
- 98. During the course of Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc.'s treatment of Ms. Lane, Ms. Lane suffered significant weight gain, the development of "2+" edema and increasing proteinuria as measured by dipstick, reportedly reaching +++ at time of the last prenatal visit on 11/16/15 at which time the patient was also reported to be complaining of upper abdominal pain. Despite these findings, Plaintiff Andrea Lane was not admitted to the hospital or scheduled to be admitted to the hospital for further evaluation or treatment of pre-eclampsia/eclampsia.
- 99. The Plaintiff further avers that on or about November 18, 2015, Ms. Lane was observed to be exhibiting seizure-like activity. An ambulance was called and Ms. Lane was emergently transported to the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. An ultrasound performed upon admission confirmed a fetal death in utero at approximately 28 6/7 weeks gestation. The deceased fetus was delivered via Cytotec induced vaginal delivery on

November 18, 2015. Ms. Lane was diagnosed with pre-eclampsia/eclampsia to which the fetal death in utero was attributed.

- 100. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the inadequate, inappropriate and negligent medical and nursing care, treatment and management of Andrea Lane's prenatal care by the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was severely injured and damaged.
- 101. The Plaintiff further avers that the injuries, damages and losses complained of by her were due to the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, who breached their aforementioned duties to the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane.
- 102. The negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Failing to employ adequate diagnostic procedures and tests to determine the nature and severity of the condition of the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane;
  - b. Failing to diagnose such conditions carefully;
  - c. Failing to employ appropriate treatments and procedures to correct such conditions;
  - d. Failing to carefully and thoroughly evaluate the effects of the chosen treatments;
  - e. Failing reasonably and expeditiously to assess and appropriately intervene in response to signs and symptoms of developing pre-eclampsia/eclampsia during the course of the Plaintiff's pregnancy with Donavan Elijah Martinez (deceased);

- f. Failing to admit Plaintiff Andrea Lane for monitoring and treatment of severe pre-eclampsia;
- g. Failing to prescribe and administer anti-seizure prophylaxis medication;
- h. Failing to advise Plaintiff of the risks and benefits of treatment of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia;
- i. being otherwise careless and negligent in the management of developing signs and symptoms of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.
- 103. The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, further avers that, as a result of the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her viable fetus Donavan Elijah Martinez, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.
- 104. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.
- 105. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the negligence of the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the

treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.

106. The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, further avers that all of the injuries, damages and losses complained of by her were caused by the negligence of the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Plaintiff contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., for an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

## COUNT VIII (Informed Consent – Mercy Health Services, Inc.)

The Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, repeats, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 106 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

Lane, the duty of appropriate and timely notification to the Plaintiff of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery, including, but not limited to, the risks and benefits of treatment of pre-eclampsia with seizure prophylaxis medications, delivery of her preterm fetus, and/or hospital admission for close monitoring and treatment of her signs of symptoms of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.

- 108. The Plaintiff further avers that the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, was negligent in failing to appropriately, timely and adequately obtain an informed consent from the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, to its chosen course of pregnancy management, treatment and delivery, and was otherwise negligent.
- 109. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her fetus, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.
- 110. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.
- 111. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.

- 112. The Plaintiff further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, has been forced to incur and in the future will continue to incur, expenses for the medical care, medicines, rehabilitation costs and related damages and expenses.
- 113. The Plaintiff further avers that all of the injuries and damages complained of by her were caused by the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Plaintiff contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Plaintiff, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., for an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

#### **COUNT IX**

(Wrongful Death- Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, and Mercy Health Services, Inc.)

The Plaintiffs, Andrea Lane, as surviving mother, and Donovan C. Martinez, as surviving father, of Donovan Elijah Martinez, deceased, repeats, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 113 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- 114. This action is timely brought and joins and includes all persons entitled to recover under the Wrongful Death Subtitle, Md. Cts. & Jud. Procs. Code Ann. §§ 3-901 et seq., for the wrongful death of Donovan Elijah Martinez.
- 115. Plaintiff Andrea Lane is the surviving mother of Donovan Elijah Martinez, deceased. Donovan C. Martinez is the surviving father of Donovan Elijah Martinez. As such, the Plaintiffs are authorized and empowered to bring this action in accordance with Md. Cts. & Jud. Procs. Code Ann. §§ 3-901 et seq.
- and Associates, LLC, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, and Mercy Health Services, Inc., through their real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff Andrea Lane has suffered, is suffering and will continue to suffer, mental anguish, emotional pain and suffering, loss of society, loss of companionship, loss of comfort, loss of protection, loss of affection, loss of care, loss of attention, loss of advice, loss of counsel, and loss of solatium in the wrongful death of her son, Donovan Elijah Martinez.
- and Associates, LLC, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, and Mercy Health Services, Inc., through their real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiff Donovan Martinez has suffered, is suffering and will continue to suffer, mental anguish, emotional pain and suffering, loss of society, loss of companionship, loss of comfort, loss of protection, loss of affection, loss of care, loss of attention, loss of advice, loss of counsel, and loss of solatium in the wrongful death of his son, Donovan Elijah Martinez.

118. As a further result of the negligence of the Defendants, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, and Mercy Health Services, Inc., through their real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, the Plaintiffs Andrea Lane and Donovan C. Martinez was compelled to incur hospital, medical and funeral expenses for Donovan Elijah Martinez, and was otherwise injured and damaged.

All of the injuries and damages complained of were caused by the 119. negligence of the Defendants, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, and Mercy Health Services, Inc., by and through their respective real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, without any negligence by the Plaintiffs and/or the Plaintiffs' decedent contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs, Andrea Lane, and Donovan C. Martinez, bring this claim against the Defendants, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, and Mercy Health Services, Inc., in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction for the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office.

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CIRCUIT COURT

FOR

BALTIMORE CITY,

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Baltimore, MD 21202	*	
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MERCY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.	*	
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### **ELECTION FOR JURY TRIAL**

The Plaintiffs in the above titled claim elect to have this case heard before a jury panel.

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# **EXHIBIT 1**

## HEALTH CARE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE

6 St. Paul Street, Suite 1501 Baltimore, Maryland 21202-1608 (410) 767-8200

**CLAIM FORM** 

HCA NO.:

2016.446

CLAIMANT(S)	HEALTH CARE PROVIDER(S)		
Andrea Lane	St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC	SERVE ON: RESIDENT AGENT:	
Name 4840 Clifton Avenue	Name 301 St. Paul Place	Linda H. Jones Gallagher, Evelius & Jones, LLP Suite 400	
Street Address Baltimore, MD 21207  SEP 09 2016	Street Address Baltimore, MD 21202	218 N. Charles Street	
City, State, Zip Code  HEALTH CARE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFICE	City, State, Zip Code	Baltimore_MD 21201	
Donovan C, Martinez	Mercy Medical Center, Inc.	SERVE ON: RESIDENT AGENT Linda H. Jones	
Name 4840 Clifton Avenue	Name 301 St. Paul Place	Suite 400, 218 N. Charles Street	
Street Address Baltimore, MD 21207	Street Address Baltimore, MD 21202	Baltimore, MD 21201	
City, State, Zip Code	City, State, Zip Code	-	
<u> </u>	Mercy Health Services, Inc.	SERVE ON: RESIDENT AGENT: Linda H. Jones	
Name	Name 301 St. Paul Street	Suite 400, 218 N. Charles Street	
Street Address	Street Address Baltimore, MD 21202	Baltimore, MD 212101	
City, State, Zip Code	City, State, Zip Code		
(1) This claim is filed pursuant to Title 3, Subtitle 2A of the Courts Article. The damages claimed are in excess of \$ 30,000.00and the appropriate venue is: Baltimore City			
(2) The basis of the claim is described on the page(s) attached hereto.			
(3) The resolution of the claim will involve particular expertise in this area of specialty <u>obstetrics/gynecology</u> (PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR AREAS OF CONCENTRATION)			
WARNING: Each Claimant has been advised that he/she may be held civilly liable for part or all the Costs resulting from the filing of this claim, whether it is won or lost; this would be an individual and personal responsibility.			
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### PARTIES CONTINUED:

## Health Care Providers/Defendants:

Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC 301 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202

SERVE ON: RESIDENT AGENT: Linda H. Jones, Esq. Suite 400 218 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21201 2016,446

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

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ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION OFFICE.

The Claimants, Andrea Lane and Donovan C. Martinez, by and through their attorneys, Bruce J. Babij, Ellen B. Flynn, and Dugan, Babij, Tolley & Kohler, LLC, sue the Defendants/Health Care Providers, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC; Mercy Medical Center, Inc.; St. Paul Place Specialists, Inc.; and Mercy Health Services, Inc., and states as follows:

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. The Claimant, Andrea Lane, is an adult resident of the State of Maryland, residing at 4840 Clifton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21207.
- 2. The Claimant, Donavan C. Martinez, is an adult resident of the State of Maryland residing at 4840 Clifton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21207.
- 3. The Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., and Associates, LLC, is a medical corporation organized and existing under the law of the State of Maryland, with its principal place of business located in Baltimore City at 301 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.
- 4. The Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, is a medical corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with its principal place of business located in Baltimore City at 301 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.
- 5. The Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., is a medical corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with

its principal place of business located in Baltimore City at 301 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

6. The Defendant, Mercy Health Services, Inc., is a medical corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with its principal place of business located in Baltimore City at 301 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

#### AMOUNT OF CLAIM AND VENUE

- 7. The amount of this claim exceeds Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).
- 8. Venue is appropriate in Baltimore City as the forum where the Defendants carry on a regular business, are employed, and/or habitually engage in a vocation, and as the forum in which the Claimants' cause of action arose.

## COUNT I (Negligence – Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC)

The Claimant, Andrea Lane, repeats, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

9. At all times of which the Claimants complain, the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, was licensed to provide obstetrical medical services in the State of Maryland and represented to the public and to the Claimants possession of that degree of skill, knowledge and ability ordinarily possessed by a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialty of obstetrics.

- 10. At all times of which the Claimants complain, Remya Arul, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC.
- 11. At all times of which the Claimants complain, Janna Mudd, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC.
- 12. At all times of which the Claimants complain, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC.
- 13. At all times of which the Claimants complain, Tracie Cox, CNM, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC.
- 14. At all times of which the Claimants complain, Erika Nichelson, M.D, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC.
- Providers who provided obstetrical and pre-natal care and treatment to the Claimant, Andrea Lane, including, but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., were each acting as the real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC.
- 16. The Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees,

including, but not limited to, Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., owed to the Claimants a duty to exercise that degree of care, skill and judgment ordinarily expected of a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialties of obstetrics and maternal/fetal medicine in the same or similar circumstances; that duty included the proper acquisition and interpretation of clinical, radiologic, laboratory, pathologic and diagnostic information and data; the prompt performance of adequate and appropriate diagnostic tests and procedures to determine the nature and severity of any medical conditions suffered by the Claimant, Andrea Lane, and/or her baby; the prompt employment of appropriate care and treatments to correct such condition(s) and the duty of appropriate notification to the Claimant, Andrea Lane, of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery.

- 17. On or about June 26, 2015, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, came under the care and treatment of Defendant/Health Care Provider Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, for the provision of obstetrical medical care attendant to her pregnancy with Donovan Elijah Martinez, deceased.
- 18. The Claimants aver that, as a result of the inadequate and inappropriate management of her pregnancy by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., the Claimant, Andrea Lane, suffered the untreated and unmitigated progression of severe pre-eclampsia, eclampsia, eclamptic seizures and the attendant death of her baby.

- 19. The Claimants further aver that during the course of Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC's, obstetrical care and treatment of the Claimant, Andrea Lane, the Claimant suffered significant weight gain, the development of "2+" edema and increasing proteinuria as measured by dipstick, reportedly reaching +++ at time of her last prenatal visit on 11/16/15 at which time the Claimant was also reported to be complaining of upper gastric abdominal pain.
- 20. The Claimants further aver that, on or about November 18, 2015, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was observed to be exhibiting seizure activity. An ambulance was called and the Claimant was emergently transported to the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. An ultrasound performed upon admission confirmed a fetal death in utero at approximately 28 6/7 weeks gestation. The deceased fetus was eventually delivered dead via Cytotec induced vaginal delivery on November 18, 2015. The Claimant, Andrea Lane, was diagnosed with severe pre-eclampsia/eclampsia directly causing the death of her baby and grievous injury and harm to herself.
- 21. The Claimants further aver that, as a result of the inadequate, inappropriate and negligent medical and nursing care, treatment and management of Andrea Lane's prenatal care by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was severely injured and damaged and her baby, Donovan Elijah Martinez, died.
- 22. The Claimants further aver that the injuries, damages and losses complained of by them were due to the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually

and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, who breached their aforementioned duties to the Claimants.

- 23. The negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Failing to employ adequate diagnostic procedures and tests to determine the nature and severity of the condition of the Claimant, Andrea Lane, and/or that of her baby;
  - b. Failing to diagnose such conditions carefully;
  - c. Failing to employ appropriate treatments and procedures to correct such conditions;
  - d. Failing to carefully and thoroughly evaluate the effects of the chosen treatments;
  - e. Failing reasonably and expeditiously to assess and appropriately intervene in response to signs and symptoms of developing pre-eclampsia/eclampsia during the course of the Claimant's pregnancy with Donavan Elijah Martinez (deceased);
  - f. Failing to expeditiously and reasonably monitor and treat the Claimant, Andrea Lane, for pre-eclampsia/eclampsia; pre-eclampsia
  - g. Failing to reasonably advise the Claimant of the signs, symptoms and the maternal and fetal consequences associated with the development of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia an; pre-eclampsia
  - h. Being otherwise careless and negligent.
- 24. The Claimants further aver that, as a result of the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental

anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her viable baby, Donavan Elijah Martinez, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.

- 25. The Claimants further aver that, as a result of the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.
- Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.
- 27. The Claimants further aver that all of the injuries, damages and losses complained of by them, and the death of their son, Donovan Elijah Martinez, were caused by the negligence of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Claimant contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Claimants, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, for an

amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

## COUNT II (Informed Consent – Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC)

The Claimant, repeats, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs

1 through 27 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, owed to the Claimant, Andrea Lane, the appropriate and timely notification to the Claimant of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of monitoring, care and treatment including, but not limited to, the risks and benefits of inpatient hospitalization, of the treatment for developing pre-eclampsia and eclampsia with appropriate medications and the potential need for the preterm delivery of her viable baby and other available modalities for the monitoring, care and treatment of any progression in the development of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.
- 29. The Claimants further aver that the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, failed to appropriately, timely and adequately obtain an informed consent from the Claimant, Andrea Lane, to its chosen course of pregnancy monitoring, management, care and treatment.

- 30. The Claimants further aver that, as a result of the failure by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually, and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, to obtain an informed consent, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her fetus, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.
- 31. The Claimants further aver that, as a result of the failure by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, to obtain an informed consent, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.
- 32. The Claimants further aver that, as a result of the failure by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, to obtain an informed consent, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.
- 33. The Claimants further aver that, as a result of the failure by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually,

and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, to obtain an informed consent, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, has been forced to incur and in the future will continue to incur, expenses for the medical care, medicines, rehabilitation costs and related damages and expenses.

34. The Claimants further aver that all of the injuries and damages complained of by her were caused by the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Claimant contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Claimants, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. & Associates, LLC, for an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

## COUNT III (Negligence – Mercy Medical Center, Inc.)

The Claimant, Andrea Lane, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 34 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

35. At all times of which the Claimant complains, the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., was licensed to provide obstetrical medical services in the State of Maryland and represented to the public and to the Claimants possession of that degree of skill, knowledge and ability ordinarily possessed by a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialty of obstetrics.

- 36. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Remya Arul, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.
- 37. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Janna Mudd, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.
- 38. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.
- 39. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Tracie Cox, CNM, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.
- 40. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Erika Nichelson, M.D, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.
- At all times of which the Claimant complains, the individual Health Care Providers who provided obstetrical and labor and delivery care and treatment to the Claimant, including, but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., were each acting as the real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.
- 42. The Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to

Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., owed to the Claimant a duty to exercise that degree of care, skill and judgment ordinarily expected of a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialties of obstetrics and maternal/fetal medicine in the same or similar circumstances; that duty included the proper acquisition and interpretation of clinical, radiologic, laboratory, pathologic and diagnostic information and data; the prompt performance of adequate and appropriate diagnostic tests and procedures to determine the nature and severity of any medical conditions suffered by the Claimant, Andrea Lane; the prompt employment of appropriate care and treatments to correct such condition(s) and the duty of appropriate notification to the Claimant, Andrea Lane, of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery.

- 43. On or about June 26, 2015, Claimant Andrea Lane, came under the care and treatment of Defendant/Health Care Provider Mercy Medical Center, Inc., for the provision of obstetrical medical care attendant to her pregnancy with Donovan Elijah Martinez.
- 44. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the inadequate and inappropriate management of her pregnancy by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., the Claimant, Andrea Lane, suffered progression of severe eclampsia, seizure, and loss of her fetus.
- 45. During the course of Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc.'s treatment of Ms. Lane, Ms. Lane suffered significant weight gain, the

development of "2+" edema and increasing proteinuria as measured by dipstick, reportedly reaching +++ at time of the last prenatal visit on 11/16/15 at which time the patient was also reported to be complaining of upper abdominal pain. Despite these findings, Claimant Andrea Lane was not admitted to the hospital or scheduled to be admitted to the hospital for further evaluation or treatment of pre-eclampsia/eclampsia.

- 46. The Claimant further avers that on or about November 18, 2015, Ms. Lane was observed to be exhibiting seizure-like activity. An ambulance was called and Ms. Lane was emergently transported to the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. An ultrasound performed upon admission confirmed a fetal death in utero at approximately 28 6/7 weeks gestation. The deceased fetus was delivered via Cytotec induced vaginal delivery on November 18, 2015. Ms. Lane was diagnosed with pre-eclampsia/eclampsia to which the fetal death in utero was attributed.
- 47. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the inadequate, inappropriate and negligent medical and nursing care, treatment and management of Andrea Lane's prenatal care by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was severely injured and damaged.
- 48. The Claimant further avers that the injuries, damages and losses complained of by her were due to the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, who breached their aforementioned duties to the Claimant, Andrea Lane.

- 49. The negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Failing to employ adequate diagnostic procedures and tests to determine the nature and severity of the condition of the Claimant, Andrea Lane;
  - b. Failing to diagnose such conditions carefully;
  - c. Failing to employ appropriate treatments and procedures to correct such conditions;
  - d. Failing to carefully and thoroughly evaluate the effects of the chosen treatments;
  - e. Failing reasonably and expeditiously to assess and appropriately intervene in response to signs and symptoms of developing pre-eclampsia/eclampsia during the course of the Claimant's pregnancy with Donavan Elijah Martinez (deceased);
  - f. Failing to admit Claimant Andrea Lane for monitoring and treatment of severe pre-eclampsia;
  - g. Failing to prescribe and administer anti-seizure prophylaxis medication;
  - h. Failing to advise Claimant of the risks and benefits of treatment of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia;
  - i. being otherwise careless and negligent in the management of developing signs and symptoms of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.
- The Claimant, Andrea Lane, further avers that, as a result of the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental

anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her viable fetus Donavan Elijah Martinez, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.

- 51. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.
- 52. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the negligence of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.
- 53. The Claimant, Andrea Lane, further avers that all of the injuries, damages and losses complained of by her were caused by the negligence of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Claimant contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Claimant, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., for an amount in excess of

the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

## COUNT IV (Informed Consent – Mercy Medical Center, Inc.)

The Claimant, Andrea Lane, repeats, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 53 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- 54. The Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., owed to the Claimant, Andrea Lane, the duty of appropriate and timely notification to the Claimant of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery, including, but not limited to, the risks and benefits of treatment of pre-eclampsia with seizure prophylaxis medications, delivery of her preterm fetus, and/or hospital admission for close monitoring and treatment of her signs of symptoms of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.
- 55. The Claimant further avers that the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, was negligent in failing to appropriately, timely and adequately obtain an informed consent from the Claimant, Andrea Lane, to its chosen course of pregnancy management, treatment and delivery, and was otherwise negligent.
- 56. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants

and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her fetus, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.

- 57. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.
- 58. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.
- 59. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, has been forced to incur and in the future will continue to incur, expenses for the medical care, medicines, rehabilitation costs and related damages and expenses.

60. The Claimant further avers that all of the injuries and damages complained of by her were caused by the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Claimant contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Claimant, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., for an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

## COUNT V (Negligence – St. Paul Specialists, Inc.)

The Claimant, Andrea Lane, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 60 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- 61. At all times of which the Claimant complains, the Defendant/Health Care
  Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., was licensed to provide obstetrical medical services in
  the State of Maryland and represented to the public and to the Claimants possession of that
  degree of skill, knowledge and ability ordinarily possessed by a reasonably competent
  medical corporation practicing in the medical specialty of obstetrics.
- 62. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Remya Arul, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.
- 63. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Janna Mudd, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.

- 64. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.
- 65. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Tracie Cox, CNM, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.
- 66. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Erika Nichelson, M.D, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.
- 67. At all times of which the Claimant complains, the individual Health Care Providers who provided obstetrical and labor and delivery care and treatment to the Claimant, including, but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., were each acting as the real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.
- 68. The Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., owed to the Claimant a duty to exercise that degree of care, skill and judgment ordinarily expected of a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialties of obstetrics and maternal/fetal medicine in the same or similar circumstances; that duty included the proper acquisition and interpretation of clinical, radiologic, laboratory, pathologic and diagnostic information and data; the prompt

performance of adequate and appropriate diagnostic tests and procedures to determine the nature and severity of any medical conditions suffered by the Claimant, Andrea Lane; the prompt employment of appropriate care and treatments to correct such condition(s) and the duty of appropriate notification to the Claimant, Andrea Lane, of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery.

- 69. On or about June 26, 2015, Claimant Andrea Lane, came under the care and treatment of Defendant/Health Care Provider St. Paul Specialists, Inc., for the provision of obstetrical medical care attendant to her pregnancy with Donovan Elijah Martinez.
- 70. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the inadequate and inappropriate management of her pregnancy by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., the Claimant, Andrea Lane, suffered progression of severe eclampsia, seizure, and loss of her fetus.
- 71. During the course of Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc.'s treatment of Ms. Lane, Ms. Lane suffered significant weight gain, the development of "2+" edema and increasing proteinuria as measured by dipstick, reportedly reaching +++ at time of the last prenatal visit on 11/16/15 at which time the patient was also reported to be complaining of upper abdominal pain. Despite these findings, Claimant Andrea Lane was not admitted to the hospital or scheduled to be admitted to the hospital for further evaluation or treatment of pre-eclampsia/eclampsia.

- 72. The Claimant further avers that on or about November 18, 2015, Ms. Lane was observed to be exhibiting seizure-like activity. An ambulance was called and Ms. Lane was emergently transported to the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. An ultrasound performed upon admission confirmed a fetal death in utero at approximately 28 6/7 weeks gestation. The deceased fetus was delivered via Cytotec induced vaginal delivery on November 18, 2015. Ms. Lane was diagnosed with pre-eclampsia/eclampsia to which the fetal death in utero was attributed.
- 73. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the inadequate, inappropriate and negligent medical and nursing care, treatment and management of Andrea Lane's prenatal care by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was severely injured and damaged.
- 74. The Claimant further avers that the injuries, damages and losses complained of by her were due to the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, who breached their aforementioned duties to the Claimant, Andrea Lane.
- 75. The negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Failing to employ adequate diagnostic procedures and tests to determine the nature and severity of the condition of the Claimant, Andrea Lane;
  - b. Failing to diagnose such conditions carefully;

- c. Failing to employ appropriate treatments and procedures to correct such conditions;
- d. Failing to carefully and thoroughly evaluate the effects of the chosen treatments;
- e. Failing reasonably and expeditiously to assess and appropriately intervene in response to signs and symptoms of developing pre-eclampsia/eclampsia during the course of the Claimant's pregnancy with Donavan Elijah Martinez (deceased);
- f. Failing to admit Claimant Andrea Lane for monitoring and treatment of severe pre-eclampsia;
- g. Failing to prescribe and administer anti-seizure prophylaxis medication;
- h. Failing to advise Claimant of the risks and benefits of treatment of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia;
- i. being otherwise careless and negligent in the management of developing signs and symptoms of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.
- 76. The Claimant, Andrea Lane, further avers that, as a result of the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her viable fetus Donavan Elijah Martinez, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.
- 77. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal

vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.

- 78. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the negligence of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.
- 79. The Claimant, Andrea Lane, further avers that all of the injuries, damages and losses complained of by her were caused by the negligence of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Claimant contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Claimant, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., for an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

## COUNT VI (Informed Consent – St. Paul Specialists, Inc.)

The Claimant, Andrea Lane, repeats, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 79 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- 80. The Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., owed to the Claimant, Andrea Lane, the duty of appropriate and timely notification to the Claimant of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery, including, but not limited to, the risks and benefits of treatment of pre-eclampsia with seizure prophylaxis medications, delivery of her preterm fetus, and/or hospital admission for close monitoring and treatment of her signs of symptoms of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.
- Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, was negligent in failing to appropriately, timely and adequately obtain an informed consent from the Claimant, Andrea Lane, to its chosen course of pregnancy management, treatment and delivery, and was otherwise negligent.
- 82. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her fetus, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.
- 83. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which

she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.

- 84. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.
- 85. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, has been forced to incur and in the future will continue to incur, expenses for the medical care, medicines, rehabilitation costs and related damages and expenses.
- 86. The Claimant further avers that all of the injuries and damages complained of by her were caused by the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Claimant contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Claimant, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant/Health Care Provider, St. Paul Specialists, Inc., for an amount in excess of the

minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

## COUNT VII (Negligence – Mercy Health Services, Inc.)

The Claimant, Andrea Lane, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 86 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- 87. At all times of which the Claimant complains, the Defendant/Health Care
  Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., was licensed to provide obstetrical medical services
  in the State of Maryland and represented to the public and to the Claimants possession of
  that degree of skill, knowledge and ability ordinarily possessed by a reasonably competent
  medical corporation practicing in the medical specialty of obstetrics.
- 88. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Remya Arul, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc.
- 89. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Janna Mudd, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc.
- 90. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc.
- 91. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Tracie Cox, CNM, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc.

- 92. At all times of which the Claimant complains, Erika Nichelson, M.D, was acting as a real, apparent and/or ostensible agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc.
- 93. At all times of which the Claimant complains, the individual Health Care Providers who provided obstetrical and labor and delivery care and treatment to the Claimant, including, but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., were each acting as the real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc.
- through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., owed to the Claimant a duty to exercise that degree of care, skill and judgment ordinarily expected of a reasonably competent medical corporation practicing in the medical specialties of obstetrics and maternal/fetal medicine in the same or similar circumstances; that duty included the proper acquisition and interpretation of clinical, radiologic, laboratory, pathologic and diagnostic information and data; the prompt performance of adequate and appropriate diagnostic tests and procedures to determine the nature and severity of any medical conditions suffered by the Claimant, Andrea Lane; the prompt employment of appropriate care and treatments to correct such condition(s) and the duty of appropriate notification to the Claimant, Andrea Lane, of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery.

- 95. On or about June 26, 2015, Claimant Andrea Lane, came under the care and treatment of Defendant/Health Care Provider Mercy Health Services, Inc., for the provision of obstetrical medical care attendant to her pregnancy with Donovan Elijah Martinez.
- 96. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the inadequate and inappropriate management of her pregnancy by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, including but not limited to Remya Arul, M.D., Janna Mudd, M.D., Teresa Hoffman, M.D., Tracie Cox, CNM and Erika Nichelson, M.D., the Claimant, Andrea Lane, suffered progression of severe eclampsia, seizure, and loss of her fetus.
- 97. During the course of Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc.'s treatment of Ms. Lane, Ms. Lane suffered significant weight gain, the development of "2+" edema and increasing proteinuria as measured by dipstick, reportedly reaching +++ at time of the last prenatal visit on 11/16/15 at which time the patient was also reported to be complaining of upper abdominal pain. Despite these findings, Claimant Andrea Lane was not admitted to the hospital or scheduled to be admitted to the hospital for further evaluation or treatment of pre-eclampsia/eclampsia.
- 98. The Claimant further avers that on or about November 18, 2015, Ms. Lane was observed to be exhibiting seizure-like activity. An ambulance was called and Ms. Lane was emergently transported to the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. An ultrasound performed upon admission confirmed a fetal death in utero at approximately 28 6/7 weeks gestation. The deceased fetus was delivered via Cytotec induced vaginal delivery on

November 18, 2015. Ms. Lane was diagnosed with pre-eclampsia/eclampsia to which the fetal death in utero was attributed.

- 99. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the inadequate, inappropriate and negligent medical and nursing care, treatment and management of Andrea Lane's prenatal care by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was severely injured and damaged.
- 100. The Claimant further avers that the injuries, damages and losses complained of by her were due to the negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, who breached their aforementioned duties to the Claimant, Andrea Lane.
- 101. The negligent and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Teresa Hoffman, M.D., & Associates, LLC, individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and employees, include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Failing to employ adequate diagnostic procedures and tests to determine the nature and severity of the condition of the Claimant, Andrea Lane;
  - b. Failing to diagnose such conditions carefully;
  - c. Failing to employ appropriate treatments and procedures to correct such conditions;
  - d. Failing to carefully and thoroughly evaluate the effects of the chosen treatments;
  - e. Failing reasonably and expeditiously to assess and appropriately intervene in response to signs and symptoms of developing pre-eclampsia/eclampsia during the course of the Claimant's pregnancy with Donavan Elijah Martinez (deceased);

- f. Failing to admit Claimant Andrea Lane for monitoring and treatment of severe pre-eclampsia;
- g. Failing to prescribe and administer anti-seizure prophylaxis medication;
- h. Failing to advise Claimant of the risks and benefits of treatment of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia;
- being otherwise careless and negligent in the management of developing signs and symptoms of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia.
- and careless acts and omissions of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her viable fetus Donavan Elijah Martinez, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.
- 103. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.
- 104. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the negligence of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane,

was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.

105. The Claimant, Andrea Lane, further avers that all of the injuries, damages and losses complained of by her were caused by the negligence of the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agent, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Claimant contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Claimant, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., for an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

## COUNT VIII (Informed Consent – Mercy Health Services, Inc.)

The Claimant, Andrea Lane, repeats, realleges, adopts and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 105 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

106. The Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., owed to the Claimant, Andrea Lane, the duty of appropriate and timely notification to the Claimant of the various alternatives and risks involved in various modalities of treatment and delivery, including, but not limited to, the risks and benefits of treatment of pre-eclampsia with seizure prophylaxis medications, delivery of her preterm fetus, and/or

hospital admission for close monitoring and treatment of her signs of symptoms of preeclampsia and eclampsia.

- 107. The Claimant further avers that the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, was negligent in failing to appropriately, timely and adequately obtain an informed consent from the Claimant, Andrea Lane, to its chosen course of pregnancy management, treatment and delivery, and was otherwise negligent.
- 108. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, experienced a severe shock to her nerves and nervous system, the loss of enjoyment of life, physical and emotional pain, mental anguish, unnecessary procedures, the loss of her fetus, and has otherwise been injured and damaged.
- 109. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was confined to hospitals for the treatment of the injuries which she sustained, and she has been and will continue to be prevented from her normal vocation, activities and pursuits as a result of the injuries, damages and losses complained of.
- 110. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc.,

through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was and will be required to incur great expenses for the medical care and hospitalizations required for the treatment of and attempted remediation of the consequences of the injuries, damages and losses which she has sustained.

- 111. The Claimant further avers that, as a result of the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized real and/or apparent agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, has been forced to incur and in the future will continue to incur, expenses for the medical care, medicines, rehabilitation costs and related damages and expenses.
- 112. The Claimant further avers that all of the injuries and damages complained of by her were caused by the failure to obtain an informed consent by the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually and by and through its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, without any negligence or want of due care by the Claimant contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, this claim is brought by the Claimant, Andrea Lane, against the Defendant/Health Care Provider, Mercy Health Services, Inc., for an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and such other and further relief.

#### COUNT IX

(Wrongful Death- Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, and Mercy Health Services, Inc.)

The Claimants, Andrea Lane, as surviving mother, and Donovan C. Martinez, as surviving father, of Donovan Elijah Martinez, deceased, repeats, realleges, adopts and

incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 112 of this Statement of Claim as though fully set forth herein.

- 113. This action is timely brought and joins and includes all persons entitled to recover under the Wrongful Death Subtitle, Md. Cts. & Jud. Procs. Code Ann. §§ 3-901 et seq., for the wrongful death of Donovan Elijah Martinez.
- 114. Claimant Andrea Lane is the surviving mother of Donovan Elijah Martinez, deceased. Donovan C. Martinez is the surviving father of Donovan Elijah Martinez. As such, the Claimants are authorized and empowered to bring this action in accordance with Md. Cts. & Jud. Procs. Code Ann. §§ 3-901 et seq.
- Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, and Mercy Health Services, Inc., through their real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant Andrea Lane has suffered, is suffering and will continue to suffer, mental anguish, emotional pain and suffering, loss of society, loss of companionship, loss of comfort, loss of protection, loss of affection, loss of care, loss of attention, loss of advice, loss of counsel, and loss of solatium in the wrongful death of her son, Donovan Elijah Martinez.
- 116. As a result of the negligence of the Defendants/Health Care Providers,
  Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., St. Paul Place
  Specialists, LLC, and Mercy Health Services, Inc., through their real, apparent and/or
  ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimant Donovan Martinez has
  suffered, is suffering and will continue to suffer, mental anguish, emotional pain and
  suffering, loss of society, loss of companionship, loss of comfort, loss of protection, loss

of affection, loss of care, loss of attention, loss of advice, loss of counsel, and loss of solatium in the wrongful death of his son, Donovan Elijah Martinez.

- Providers, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, and Mercy Health Services, Inc., through their real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, the Claimants Andrea Lane and Donovan C. Martinez was compelled to incur hospital, medical and funeral expenses for Donovan Elijah Martinez, and was otherwise injured and damaged.
- 118. All of the injuries and damages complained of were caused by the negligence of the Defendants/Health Care Providers, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, and Mercy Health Services, Inc., by and through their respective real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, without any negligence by the Claimants and/or the Claimants' decedent contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE, the Claimants, Andrea Lane, and Donovan C. Martinez, bring this claim against the Defendants/Health Care Providers, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC, Mercy Medical Center, Inc., St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, and Mercy Health Services, Inc., in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction for the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office.

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## EXHIBIT 2

#### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AND REPORT

- I, Harlan Giles, M.D., do hereby certify, affirm and attest that:
- 1. In my professional opinion there were violations of the applicable standards of care by the Defendants/Healthcare Providers, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC; Mercy Medical Center, Inc.; St. Paul Place Specialists, Inc.; and Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually, and by and through their real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, who were responsible for the management and provision of prenatal obstetrical care to the Claimant, Andrea Lane, attendant to her pregnancy in the year 2015 and who include, but are not necessarily limited to, Remya Arul, M.D.; Janna Mudd, M.D.; Teresa Hoffman, M.D.; Tracy Cox, CNM; and/or Erika Nichelson, M.D.
- 2. It is my further professional opinion that, as a direct and proximate cause of the violations of the applicable standards of care by the Defendants/Healthcare Providers,

  Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC; Mercy Medical Center, Inc.; St. Paul Place

  Specialists, Inc.; and Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually, and by and through their real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, including, but not

necessarily limited to, those identified above, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was injured, and her baby died.

- 3. I further certify that I have clinical experience, that I have provided consultation relating to clinical practice, and/or that I have taught medicine in the field of obstetrics and maternal-fetal medicine within five (5) years of the date of the aboveidentified acts or omissions giving rise to this claim.
- 4. I further certify that I am Board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology and maternal-fetal medicine and/or that I have taught medicine in the specialties of obstetrics and gynecology and/or in a related field of healthcare.
- 5. I further certify that I do not devote annually more than 20% of my professional activities to activities that directly involve testimony in personal injury claims.

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I hereby certify that the above Certificate of Merit and Report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

HARLAN GILES, M.D.

### REPORT OF HARLAN GILES, M.D.

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HEALTH CARE
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION OFFICE

RE: Andrea Lane

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have reviewed the relevant medical records pertaining to the obstetrical care provided to the Claimant, Andrea Lane, during the course of her pregnancy in the year 2015. I have also reviewed the medical records generated after Ms. Lane's admission to the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, 2401 West Belvedere Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215, commencing on November 18, 2015.

Based upon the information presently available to me, it is my understanding that the pre-natal obstetrical medical care rendered to the Claimant, Andrea Lane, was provided by the Healthcare Providers/Defendants, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC; Mercy Medical Center, Inc.; St. Paul Place Specialists, Inc.; and/or Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually, and by and through their real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, including, but not necessarily limited to, Remya Arul, M.D.; Janna Mudd, M.D.; Teresa Hoffman, M.D.; Tracy Cox, CNM; and Erika Nichelson, M.D.

Based upon the information presently available to me, it is my opinion that the Healthcare Providers/Defendants, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC; Mercy Medical Center, Inc.; St. Paul Place Specialists, Inc.; and/or Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually, and by and through their real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, including, but not necessarily limited to, those identified above, violated applicable standards of care in their management and oversight of the pre-natal care provided to the Claimant, Andrea Lane.

Based upon the information presently available to me, it is my further opinion that the Healthcare Providers/Defendants, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC; Mercy Medical Center, Inc.; St. Paul Place Specialists, Inc.; and/or Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually, and by and through their real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, including, but not necessarily limited to, those identified above, violated applicable standards of care by failing reasonably and expeditiously to assess and appropriately intervene in response to signs and symptoms of developing pre-eclampsia/eclampsia during the course of the Claimant's pregnancy in the year 2015.

In support of my opinions, the medical records reviewed by me reflect that Ms. Lane's prenatal course was significant for assessments of significant weight gain, the development of "2+" edema and increasing proteinuria as measured by dipstick, reportedly reaching +++ at time of the last prenatal visit on 11/16/15 at which time the patient was also reported to be complaining of upper abdominal pain. The patient was not admitted or scheduled to be admitted to the hospital for further evaluation or treatment.

The medical records reviewed by me further reflect that, on the morning of 11/18/15, Ms. Lane was observed to be exhibiting seizure-like activity. An ambulance was called and Ms. Lane was emergently transported to the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. An ultrasound performed upon admission confirmed a fetal death in utero at approximately 28 6/7 weeks gestation. The deceased fetus was delivered via Cytotec induced vaginal delivery on 11/18/15. Ms. Lane was diagnosed with preeclampsia/eclampsia to which the fetal death in utero was attributed.

It is my further opinion that, as a direct and proximate cause of the violations of the applicable standards of care by the Healthcare Providers/Defendants, Teresa Hoffman, M.D. and Associates, LLC; Mercy Medical Center, Inc.; St. Paul Place Specialists, Inc.; and/or Mercy Health Services, Inc., individually, and by and through their real, apparent and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, including, but not necessarily limited to, those identified above, the Claimant, Andrea Lane, suffered injury and her baby died.

All of the opinions expressed by me are held to a reasonable degree of medical probability based upon the information presently available to me.

I reserve the right to amend or alter my opinions, if necessary, based upon the provision of additional information.

I further certify that I have clinical experience, that I have provided consultation relating to clinical practice, and/or that I have taught medicine in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology and maternal-fetal medicine within five (5) years of the date of the above-identified acts or omissions giving rise to this claim.

I further certify that I am Board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology and maternal-fetal medicine and/or that I have taught medicine in those specialties or a related field of health care.

Further, I do not spend more than 20% of my professional time involving testimony in personal injury cases.

Very truly yours,

HARLAN GILES, M.D.

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# EXHIBIT 3

ANDREA LANE, et al.

Claimants

IN THE HEALTH CARE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE

vs.

Case #

TERESA HOFFMAN, M.D. & ASSOCIATES, LLC, et al.

Defendants

ELECTION FOR WAIVER OF ARBITRATION

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The Claimants, Andrea Lane and Donovan Martinez, by and through their attorneys, Bruce J. Babij, Ellen B. Flynn, and Dugan, Babij, Tolley & Kohler, LLC, file this Election for Waiver of Arbitration pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, Section 3-2A-06B and for reasons in support thereof, respectfully represent:

- 1. The Claimants hereto have elected to waive arbitration in the above captioned case.
- 2. The Claimants filed their Certificate of Merit and Report pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, Section 3-2A-04(b) with the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office of Maryland with their Statement of Claim.
  - 3. That, after filing, this election shall be binding on all parties.

BRUCE J. BABN ELLEN B. FLYNN

Dugan, Babij & Tolley, LLC 1966 Greenspring Drive, Suite 500 Timonium, Maryland 21093 (410) 308-1600 Attorneys for Claimants

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the Claimants' Certificate of Merit and Report and Election to Waive Arbitration will be simultaneously served with the Statement of Claim upon all Defendants in this matter.

BRUCE J. BABIJ ( ELLEN B. FLYNN

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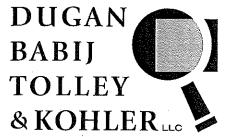
## **EXHIBIT 4**

BEFORE THE ANDREA LANE, et al. **HEALTH CARE** Claimants ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE VS. RESOLUTION OFFICE ST. PAUL PLACE SPECIALISTS, LLC, et al. HCA No.: 2016-446 Health Care Providers ORDER OF TRANSFER The Claimants, by and through counsel, having elected a Waiver of Arbitration under the provisions of Annotated Code of Maryland, Counts and Judicial Proceedings, day of Article, § 3-2A-06B, it is this Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, ORDERED, that this case shall be and is hereby, transferred to the United States District Court, or to the Circuit Court of the appropriate venue Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the above ORDER OF TRANSFER have been mailed, postage prepaid, to all counsel. HARRY L. CHASE, DIRECTOR

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RE: Andrea Lane, et al. v. St. Paul Place Specialists, LLC, et al.

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