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Gilbert LLP Obtains Significant Relief for Deaf Family In Pro Bono Suit

Favorable Settlement is Latest Win for Firm's Pro Bono Clients

Washington, D.C. – Gilbert LLP recently obtained a favorable settlement in a pro bono case in which the firm represented a family of deaf individuals in a federal civil rights lawsuit against the owners and operators of a hospital. The firm partnered with the Washington Lawyers' Committee on this case.

The settlement benefits both the clients in the case and the deaf community in the area serviced by the hospital. The defendants have committed to make significant changes to their policies and procedures for interacting with deaf patients and their companions.

“This settlement vindicates the principle that no one should be denied access to quality healthcare simply because they are deaf,” said Barry Buchman, who served as lead plaintiffs’ counsel and is a partner at **Gilbert LLP**. “We are very glad that this settlement will have a positive impact not only for our clients but also for the deaf community in the area.”

Among other terms in the settlement, the defendants will provide in-person sign language interpreters and Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) technology at the hospital. The defendants also will train and educate hospital staff about how to address the needs of deaf patients and their companions, including how to properly operate VRI equipment and how to determine when an in-person interpreter is needed in lieu of VRI.

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