

## Hissey Kientz Announced that it Has Filed a Lawsuit in California on Behalf of Three who Were Allegedly Injured after Using AMO Complete

The law firm of Hissey Kientz has filed suit in California state court on behalf of three people who developed severe eye infections after using Advanced Medical Optics' Complete Moisture Plus contact lens solution.

(<u>PRWEB</u>) December 1, 2007 -- The law firm of Hissey Kientz has announced that it has filed a lawsuit in California state court against Advanced Medical Optics on behalf of three women who suffered eye damage and vision loss as a result of a severe eye infection (Case No. 07CC01413, 07CC01414, 07CC01415). The lawsuit alleges that the three developed a severe form of eye infection known as <u>Acanthamoeba keratitis</u> as a result of using Advanced Medical Optics' Complete Moisture Plus contact lens solution.

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

One of the three women was diagnosed with an Acanthamoeba keratitis infection in January 2007 after having used AMO Complete. In her lawsuit, she says that she has suffered permanent corneal scarring as a result of her Acanthamoeba keratitis infection, and may require a cornea transplant in the future to repair the damage to her eyesight. Her doctor says that even with corrective lenses, she will never be able to regain normal vision due to the scarring on her cornea.

The lawsuit alleges that the company continued to sell and market AMO Complete despite evidence that it could increase a patient's risk of developing an Acanthamoeba keratitis infection.

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

After reporting this outbreak to the CDC, a preliminary investigation revealed that thirteen eye centers across the country had experienced a similar rise in Acanthamoeba keratitis cases since 2004. The CDC determined that users of AMO Complete were up to seven times more likely to develop the infection than other patients. As a result, Advanced Medical Optics was forced to issue a global recall for AMO Complete.

## About Hissey Kientz, LLP:

Hissey Kientz, LLP is currently accepting cases involving people affected by mesothelioma, ReNu with MoistureLoc, the Ortho Evra birth control patch, Fosamax, Medtronic Sprint Fidelis defibrillator lead wires, MRI contrast dyes (gadolinium), railroad injuries, Tequin, Zelnorm, Avandia, heart devices, Risperdal and Seroquel, Remicade, Permax, birth injuries, the Kugel hernia patch, hormone replacement therapy and other defective drugs. To learn more about the firm and other drug cases, visit Hissey Kientz, LLP (www.hkllp.com) or call (866)



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