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Re: Carolyn O. Brown, Ind. and as Admin. of the Estate of Robert N. Brown
vs. Summa Health System, et al.
Summit County Common Pleas Court, Case No. CV-2000-05-2409

Dear Mr. Ockerman:

At your request, I have agreed to review the above-captioned matter on behalf of your client, Joseph R. McShannic, M.D.

Specifically, I have received and carefully reviewed the following records:

1. Akron City Hospital records
2. Akron Vascular Associates, Inc. office records
3. Autopsy report.

After critical review of the above listed documents, I feel comfortable offering the following opinion with a reasonable degree of medical certainty:

1. The exhaustive care rendered by Dr. McShannic was both timely and appropriate.
2. Dr. McShannic fully complied with the standard of care expected of a fellowship-trained, Board certified vascular surgeon.

In summary, I see no evidence of negligence or medical malpractice on behalf of Dr. McShannic.

I have formulated these opinions and have summarized my conclusions in an unbiased fashion with a reasonable degree of medical certainty and am willing to testify as such under oath.

Should you require further amplification or further record review, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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