Statement of Gloria Allred

Today we have filed another lawsuit against gynecologist Dr. George Tyndall and U.S.C. on behalf of 14 more alleged victims of Dr. Tyndall and U.S.C. The total number of plaintiffs that we are now representing in lawsuits against U.S.C. and Dr. Tyndall is 50 alleged victims.

2 of the plaintiffs in this new lawsuit are with us today and will be speaking publicly for the first time about their beliefs that they were improperly treated and victimized when they were a patient of Dr. Tyndall. This will mark the first time that Charlotte Laws and Amy Powell have spoken publicly about what they allege was their experience. They are speaking out because the student health center at U.S.C. was promoted by U.S.C. as a safe place where students could obtain high quality medical treatment.

As a result many students placed their full trust and confidence in Dr. Tyndall assuming that his conduct during his examinations of them or treatment of them was necessary and appropriate.

U.S.C. owed a duty to make a full and fair disclosure to their U.S.C. students who were or might be Dr. Tyndall’s patients. That disclosure would have included their knowledge of Dr. Tyndall’s sexual misconduct during his examinations and treatment of other students, so that potential or actual patients of Dr. Tyndall could make an informed decision about whether to subject themselves to any treatment of examination by Dr. Tyndall.

We allege that U.S.C. failed in that duty because it chose to preserve its own reputation and fundraising ability over the rights of their female students.

We allege in our lawsuit that U.S.C.’s conduct justifies an award of punitive damages against it. We believe that U.S.C.’s failure to protect students is particularly egregious because we allege that it knew or should have known of Dr.
Tyndall’s alleged misconduct since 1990 or 1991 when U.S.C. students who were patients of Dr. Tyndall and others who were U.S.C. employees complained that Dr. Tyndall’s examination or treatment of them was sexually inappropriate. Despite these complaints U.S.C. failed to protect student from Dr. Tyndall, and instead concealed the fact that they had received complaints about him.

Last week a federal class action lawsuit filed by another firm was tentatively settled with U.S.C. Our clients are not required to participate in that class action settlement and they will not participate in it, because we believe that the settlement is grossly inadequate compensation for the emotional distress suffered by many students who were subjected to Dr. Tyndall’s inappropriate conduct and mistreatment.

Further, we believe that U.S.C., not just their insurance carriers should bear the financial consequences for their alleged failure to act to properly remove or discipline Dr. Tyndall when complaints were initially made.

Finally, we believe that our 50 clients in our lawsuit deserve the truth, as well as compensation for what they suffered. We demand and are entitled through our lawsuit to see U.S.C.’s records to determine what U.S.C. knew and when they knew it.

We demand accountability from U.S.C. so that what happened to our clients never happens again.

Daniella Mohazab who is the first of our 50 clients in our lawsuit and who has been a student leader of many of the U.S.C. students who were victims is here with us today to explain why she plans to continue her campaign for justice for the U.S.C. victims.

We are proud to represent her and all of our U.S.C. clients. We will assist them in obtaining the justice and accountability that each of them deserve.

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