

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
**January 28, 2005**

**CONTACT: Women's Injury Network**  
**info@womensinjurynetwork.org**

# **JUDGEMENT OBTAINED AGAINST ABORTION CLINIC**

## ***Failed to Inform Patient of Breast Cancer Risk from Abortion Procedure***

**PORTLAND** – Represented by attorney Jonathan Clark, with the law firm of O'Donnell and Clark, an Oregon teenager who sued the abortion clinic formerly known as All Women's Health Services successfully obtained an Offer of Judgment and settled her medical malpractice case in mid December, on the eve of trial, in county court. Her case represents the first abortion-breast cancer case in the country to obtain a judgment, and the second to reap a settlement! Last year, a Pennsylvania teenager successfully sued a New Jersey abortionist and clinic for failing to inform her of the increased risk of breast cancer due to abortion. In both cases, the clinics required that the settlement amounts be kept confidential.

Jenny (not her real name) became pregnant at 15 and panicked. Pressured by her boyfriend, she consulted All Women's Health Services, an abortion clinic. She was escorted by clinic personnel to the "counseling room", where she was left to review and approve the "pre-procedure paperwork". When Jenny tried to exit the room to seek more information, she discovered that the door was locked from the outside! Clinic personnel later returned to the counseling room, gave Jenny a narcotic, told her to initial the paperwork, and led her to the procedure room, where an abortion was performed on Jenny. She never got to meet with the doctor before the procedure to get her questions answered. This all happened without Jenny's parents' knowledge!

Five months after the abortion, Jenny began to suffer extreme emotional distress. She even reached the point of planning her own suicide and counting down the hours to its completion! Thankfully, Jenny never followed through. After her abortion, she consulted her local Pregnancy Resource Center, and later assisted her state right to life organization with legislation on waiting periods. Now 18, she is still suffering extreme emotional distress. At no time did the clinic physician and/or counselors discuss any of the physical or emotional risks that became realities for Jenny. Being so young, Jenny's risk for contracting breast cancer later in life is dangerously high. No one warned her of this fact.

While Jenny is not currently diagnosed with breast cancer, it has been shown that an abortion increases the statistical odds of developing breast cancer in two ways: 1) it delays first term pregnancies; and 2) increases the number of cancer-vulnerable breast cells due to estrogen overexposure early in pregnancy. Estrogen is connected with the development of most breast cancers. It stimulates the increase of normal and cancer-vulnerable breast cells. An abortion causes a woman to lose the benefit of a third trimester protection process, which would have neutralized estrogen overexposure by maturing her breast cells into milk-producing, cancer-resistant tissue. Thus, abortion leaves her with more cancer vulnerable cells than what she had before her pregnancy began.

Jenny's claims for compensation were based, in part, on her current need, rather than at age 40, as normally recommended, for medical monitoring (mammograms, etc.) for early detection of breast cancer. Jenny was also diagnosed with post-traumatic stress syndrome following the abortion. The settlement proceeds will help Jenny to obtain the early medical screening for breast cancer and the future psychological counseling that she needs.

Jenny was financially supported by the **Women's Injury Network, Inc. (WIN)** in her case. WIN, a national pro-life charity, helps abortion-injured women by providing case expenses in medical malpractice lawsuits. Abortion malpractice lawsuits help expose the deceptive practices of the abortion industry and hold doctors legally and financially accountable to the women they've harmed. Thanks to the generosity of WIN supporters, this young woman was able to fight back against the industry which deceived her! For more information visit [www.womensinjurynetwork.org](http://www.womensinjurynetwork.org).