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## **Statement by Manly, Stewart & Finaldi Regarding USC's Proposed 215 Million Dollar Settlement to Victims of former USC Gynecologist George Tyndall**

Under the terms of this secret settlement agreement, members of the class action are guaranteed to receive just \$2,500, and at absolute maximum can receive only \$250,000 – before significant attorney's fees and costs are taken out. Our firm never agreed to this settlement, our clients are not bound by this settlement.

This settlement is paltry in size and was agreed to before a single document was produced or a single deposition was taken. It's nothing more than a ruse by USC to pay pennies on the dollar of the true value of these cases without being held accountable for its role in enabling Tyndall's abuse. To be clear, this settlement is an embarrassment, an insult to survivors, and only serves to cover up the actions of USC administrators and staff and perpetuate this type of abuse.

We represent more than 180 alleged victims of Dr Tyndall. Our firm is committed to litigating each and every case fully, until every client receives full and fair compensation for their injuries which is exponentially higher than this farce of a settlement. The value of these cases will only increase as discovery continues and USC's culpability is brought to light. For example, our firm encountered a very similar situation in the Miramonte cases against Los Angeles Unified School District, where the school district offered to settle each case for \$400,000 at the outset of litigation. About half of the victims in that case took this settlement. Our firm's clients stayed the course and continued litigating, and each went on to receive \$1.9 million each. In the case of Dr. Larry Nassar, MSU initially offered a small settlement. We rejected that offer and our clients went on to receive a record 500-million-dollar settlement.

Meaningful change cannot happen without transparency. Dr. Tyndall's enablers at USC must be publicly identified and held accountable. That is why this early settlement is not in the best interests of the plaintiffs, the USC community and the greater public.

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[Manly, Stewart & Finaldi](#) is California's leading law firm representing child victims of sexual abuse. The firm has represented more than 150 victims of clergy sexual abuse in California and hundreds of others throughout the United States. The firm also represented plaintiffs in the \$140,000,000 settlement against LAUSD in the Miramonte

case, the largest sex abuse settlement against a School District in the US. The firm currently represents more than 180 alleged victims of former Michigan State University and U.S. Women's Gymnastics Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar. Michigan State University has settled this case for \$500,000,000, the largest settlement of any personal injury case against a University.