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## **TEAM USA GYMNASTS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS RESPOND TO US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE'S MOVE TO DEVERTIFY USA GYMNASTICS**

**Irvine, California** – Attorneys representing former Olympic and Team USA gymnasts responded to reports that United States Olympic Committee has taken the first steps to decertify USA Gymnastics as a national governing body.

Survivors attorney John Manly said, “This is a direct result of all the survivors. These women and girls wanted this happen, not for money and retribution, they advocated for decertification in order to protect children that they will never meet from the USAG culture that coddled child molesters. The next step is for Congress to investigate the United States Olympic Committee and hold accountable those who concealed Larry Nassar’s abuse from law enforcement, our athletes and the public.”

2000 Olympic Bronze Medalist Jamie Dantzscher, the first gymnast to bring a lawsuit against USAG said, “The sad fact is the USAG leadership has proven itself incapable of providing competent and consistent leadership to this organization. They have failed to restore the confidence of sponsors and the public. They have proven themselves incapable of choosing a credible CEO. All they are capable of producing are cynical PR statements about how much they care about athletes. It is time for this organization to be replaced. My only regret is that it has taken the US Olympic Committee so long to act.”

2012 Olympic Gold Medalist Jordyn Wieber said, “It’s about time. Now we must protect the young girls who are working so hard representing our country internationally and at the next Olympics.”

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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. In 2018 the firm settled cases against the Torrance

Unified School District for \$31 million on behalf of alleged victims of former wrestling coach and convicted child molester Thomas Snider, against Los Angeles Unified School district for \$8 million in cases involving former football coach and convicted child molester Jamie Jimenez and for \$14 million in cases involving former Los Angeles Unified District employee Ronnie Lee Roman.