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## **OLYMPIC GYMNAST ALY RAISMAN FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, USA GYMNASTICS IN LARRY NASSAR SEX ABUSE CASE**

**Irvine, California** - Attorneys representing Olympic gold medal gymnast Aly Raisman announced the filing of a lawsuit in Santa Clara County, California. [Click here for lawsuit.](#)

The suit alleges that the U.S. Olympic Committee “...were aware, at the highest levels of its organization, that Defendant NASSAR had molested Olympic and National Team level gymnasts who participated with Defendant USAG.”

According to the complaint, Nassar sexually abused Ms. Raisman at the Karolyi Ranch National Training Center, at national and international competitions and during the 2012 London Olympics.

Raisman has called for an independent investigation of the U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Gymnastics by federal authorities.

In a statement issued today, Ms. Raisman said, “My highest priority has been to push for change, so future generations of athletes will be safer. It has become painfully clear that these organizations have no intention of properly addressing this problem. After all this time, they remain unwilling to conduct a full investigation, and without a solid understanding of how this happened, it is delusional to think sufficient changes can be implemented. Meanwhile, thousands of young athletes continue to train and compete every day in this same broken system. I refuse to wait any longer for these organizations to do the right thing. It is my hope that the legal process will hold them accountable and enable the change that is so desperately needed.”

Nassar, who served as the Michigan State University, US National Women’s Gymnastics Team and US Olympic team doctor for two decades, pleaded guilty to federal child pornography charges and 10 counts of criminal sexual conduct in Michigan state courts. He was sentenced to 60 years in prison on federal child pornography charges and 300 years in prison on the state charges.

John Manly, Ms. Raisman's attorney, accused the U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Gymnastics of "a conspiracy to silence victims and cover-up the largest child sex abuse scandal in history."

"A simple fact is this: If USA Gymnastics and the US Olympic Committee had followed their own bylaws, policies and procedures designed to protect children from sexual abuse Ms Raisman never would have met him, never would have been "treated" by him and never would have been molested by him. Instead they conspired to hide their knowledge of Nassar's horrible crimes from the public and attempted to frighten Ms. Raisman and other victims into keeping quiet. USOC and USAG can and will be made accountable by our justice system," said Mr. Manly.

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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 140 alleged victims of former Michigan State University and U.S. Women's Gymnastics Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar