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USC GYNECOLOGIST SEX ABUSE SCANDAL EXPLODES. 300 WOMEN REPORT ALLEGED ABUSE. 10 LAWSUITS FILED BY MANLY, STEWART & FINALDI

Irvine, California - Attorneys representing former University of Southern California students filed six additional lawsuits against the University of Southern California in Los Angeles Superior Court today alleging gross sexual misconduct and sexual assault on the USC campus by Dr. George Tyndall, a gynecologist at the USC Student Health Center for nearly 30 years. This latest filing follows the filing of four similar lawsuits on May 21 for a total of ten.

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The suit alleges that the University received numerous complaints of Tyndall's sexually abusive behavior, dating back to the early 1990s, actively and deliberately concealed Tyndall's sexual abuse. The suit further alleges that following an internal investigation of complaints against Tyndall in 2016, the university paid Dr. Tyndall a substantial financial settlement so that he would quietly resign and USC could continue to actively conceal the myriad complaints they had received of Tyndall's sexually abusive behavior.

Victim's attorney John Manly, a USC alumnus, said "The USC scandal is growing by the day. Sadly, the University and its Board of Trustees have not taken the necessary steps to determine who was responsible and hold them accountable. The USC Faculty Senate, a large and growing number of faculty and students are demanding the resignation of USC President Max Nikias for giving a cash payoff to the alleged perpetrator while failing to report his actions to law enforcement and the State Medical Board. The Board of Trustees continues to back Nikias sending a clear message that victims of sexual assault will not be believed by the administration of USC."

Mr. Manly also said that this case has disturbing similarities to the case against disgraced Michigan State University doctor Larry Nassar who allegedly molested more than 300 women and girls under the guise of performing medical treatments. Mr. Manly was the lead attorney representing victims in that case which resulted in a record breaking settlement by MSU of 500 million dollars.

According to the complaint's allegations, Dr. Tyndall used his position of trust and authority to sexually abuse his victims on multiple occasions, including but not limited to: forcing patients to strip naked, groping Plaintiffs' breasts, and digitally penetrating Plaintiffs' rectums and vaginas

under the guise of medical treatment and talking close up photographs of patients private areas , for no other purpose than to satisfy his own prurient desires.

In 2016, Dr. Tyndall's employment was terminated following an investigation by the USC Office of Equity and Diversity. The report concluded that Dr. Tyndall "had violated the University policy on harassment by making repeated racially discriminatory and sexually inappropriate remarks during patient encounters." The report further concluded Dr. Tyndall's practices of digitally penetrating patients before inserting a speculum was "outdated and not current standard of care." but not criminal.

USC did not inform law enforcement or the state medical board of the complaints against Dr. Tyndall. He was given a cash payout and allowed to "resign." Dr. Tyndall renewed his medical license in January.

Since the scandal broke last week, more than 300 students have contacted a University hotline established to receive complaints and information about Tyndall. Victims' attorney Ronald Labriola, a partner in The Senators (Ret.) Firm, has been told by a victim who called the hotline that she was called back by someone from USC's Risk Management Department.

"Victims of sexual assault need to talk to law enforcement, not to lawyers or risk managers who have been hired to defend their perpetrator's employer," said Mr. Labriola. "Any woman who believes she has been assaulted by Dr. Tyndall or has information about him should immediately contact the Los Angeles Police Department Robbery/Homicide-Special Assault Section at (213) 486-6910, not the USC hotline or the Campus police."

[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. This is the largest settlement of any personal injury case against a University.