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**VICTIM'S ATTORNEYS MANLY STEWART & FINALDI FILE LAWSUIT
AGAINST U.S. WOMEN'S OLYMPIC GYMNASTIC TEAM DOCTOR FOR
ALLEGEDLY MOLESTING MEDAL WINNING GYMNAST**

***USA Gymnastics together with its coaches and trainers also named in
sexual abuse lawsuit.***

Attorneys for “Jane J.D. Doe,” a medal winning U.S. gymnast at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, filed suit alleging that a team physician sexually assaulted and molested the underage victim.

“The coaches, trainers and staff of the USA Gymnastics knew or had reason to know that this “doctor” engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with our client for at least six years. Not only did they fail to protect her, they engaged in a conspiracy of silence designed to protect the reputation of their multi-million-dollar enterprise at our clients expense,” said victim’s attorney John Manly.

The lawsuit alleges that the USA Gymnastics team doctor groped and fondled the victim’s private parts under the guise of performing osteopathic therapy. According to the victim, the doctor performed a procedure he called an “inter-vaginal adjustment” for which there is no recognized medical purpose.

The lawsuit further alleges that USA Gymnastics, the organization that hired the doctor, breached its duty to reveal the abuse to the victim’s family, the U.S. Olympic Committee and law enforcement agencies.

A recent investigative report by the Indianapolis Star newspaper revealed a long history of lawsuits and allegations of sexual misconduct against U.S.A Gymnastics coaches and staff.

The article titled, *A blind-eye to sex abuse: How USA Gymnastics failed to report cases documents dozens of abuse allegations and lawsuits going back decades.*

www.indystar.com/story/news/investigations/2016/08/04/usa-gymnastics-sex-abuse-protected-coaches/85829732/

“America just celebrated the magnificent achievements of another splendid group of women gymnasts at the 2016 Olympic Games. It is shocking to learn that the USA Gymnastics program has a long dark history of sexual abuse which must be brought to light and ended forever,” said victim’s attorney Vince Finaldi.

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.