

Father Of Cheerleader Embroiled In Lawsuit Against Coach In Concussion Lawsuit

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A legal battle is shaping up between the father of a cheerleader, who suffered multiple concussions, and the cheerleader's coach.

The plaintiff filed the claim in Montour County (Pennsylvania) Court and alleged the following:

Daughter suffered three brain injuries on Sept. 10 and 11 of 2014;

Defendant and coach had not undergone training in the proper management of concussion, despite the school district's requests for the coach to do so;

Daughter exhibited signs and symptoms of suffering a brain injury, yet each time the coach returned the cheerleader to the floor to practice stunts;

The coach failed to notify her parents of her head injury and failed to have her assessed by an athletic trainer or other medical personnel; and

Daughter suffered serious and permanent injuries, including traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic headaches, multiple concussions, tremors, difficulty in learning and anxiety disorder.

Plaintiff's attorney amended the complaint, adding allegations of "reckless and callous disregard to the plaintiff's 14th Amendment due process rights to life, liberty and bodily integrity."

This led the defendant's lawyer to ask the court to remove the litigation to federal court, since the plaintiff claimed that the defendant violated his daughter's constitutional rights.

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