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**Levin & Perconti Files a Nursing Home Abuse and Neglect Lawsuit against
Lexington of Orland Park**

Orland Park, IL, September 11, 2008 -- Steven M. Levin of the Chicago-based law firm Levin & Perconti filed a nursing home negligence lawsuit in the Circuit Court of Cook County on behalf of Theodora “Teddy” Pazera (Home Glen, IL) for the death of her husband Joseph on March 15, 2008 while under the care of Lexington of Orland Park.

Joseph Pazera was admitted to Lexington of Orland Park on January 10, 2008. Prior to being admitted to Lexington, Joseph lived with his wife Teddy in an assisted senior residence apartment. Joseph suffered from congestive heart failure and required oxygen therapy to assist with his breathing. Eventually it became apparent that he needed more care than his wife Teddy and the assisted senior residence could provide so the family decided to admit him to Lexington.

Prior to his admission, Joseph’s son Joseph Jr. and his daughter, a human resources manager at a nursing home in Indianapolis, researched homes in the area and heard positive feedback about Lexington. “We chose Lexington because the facility promised to provide our dad with the care we could no longer give him. We liked that it was close to Teddy and had no previous state violations. When we toured the facility, it seemed like a nice place with a number of activities for my dad. Unfortunately, things did not turn out the way we thought they would,” said Joseph’s son, Joseph Jr.

Throughout Joseph’s residency at Lexington, his family became concerned with the treatment he was receiving. On visits to the facility, they found Joseph without his oxygen or his dentures and Joseph’s personal items frequently disappeared from his room.

Joseph was a veteran of World War II and as a result, his family wanted him to receive benefits from the Veteran's Administration (VA). To qualify, Joseph had to undergo a physical examination scheduled for March 14, 2008 at the Hines VA Hospital in Hines, IL. Lexington arranged Joseph's transportation from the facility to the Hines VA Hospital and his family called twice to confirm he would be transported with his oxygen, as ordered by his physician. Joseph's stepson and his wife were at the hospital when the Medivan arrived.

According to Joseph's family and the emergency doctor, Joseph arrived at the VA Hospital in poor condition. He was non-responsive, slumped over in his wheelchair and pulse-less as he was taken from the Medivan. Joseph was resuscitated and immediately admitted to the VA Hospital, where he died the next day of respiratory failure.

The Medivan driver told Joseph's family and the VA doctor that he had not received oxygen from Lexington to transport Joseph. When the driver noticed that Joseph was having difficulty breathing, he called his boss who told him to take Joseph to the hospital immediately.

Attorney Steven Levin of Levin & Perconti filed the case. According to Mr. Levin, "Joseph's family trusted the staff at Lexington to provide the care they were no longer able to provide. The nursing home violated his trust when they repeatedly neglected Joseph's medical and personal care needs and caused him to suffer needlessly and without oxygen during the last few conscious hours of his life."

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