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Levin & Perconti Files Lawsuit against Schwab Rehabilitation Center

CHICAGO, September 30, 2008 -- Steven M. Levin of the Chicago-based law firm Levin & Perconti filed a wrongful death lawsuit yesterday in the Circuit Court of Cook County on behalf of the daughter of a resident who sustained injuries while under the care of Schwab Rehabilitation Center in Chicago. These injuries were a result of negligence, and ultimately led to the resident's death in December of 2007 at the age of 67.

The resident was admitted to Schwab Rehabilitation Center on September 3, 2007 after having his leg amputated. Prior to his admission, his daughter did extensive research to determine the facility best suited for him. "I wanted to choose the most reputable rehabilitation center for my father. Schwab was a modern facility with a great reputation so it seemed like a no-brainer. I completely trusted Schwab to take good care of my dad," she said.

Upon admission, the residents' doctors assessed him as being at risk for falls and accidents during transfers and required that he be transferred by two staff members using a mechanical lift. The following day, a certified nursing assistant attempted to move him into his wheelchair by herself. She used a slide board instead of the mechanical lift his doctors ordered and the resident fell, fracturing his left hip and femur.

He was admitted to Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago the following day for surgery to treat his broken hip and femur. In the weeks after his surgery, his condition deteriorated rapidly. His hip and femur fractures immobilized him and he developed a serious pressure ulcer on his sacrum. In addition, he was diagnosed with sepsis, pneumonia and

respiratory failure. The illnesses he developed after his fall at Schwab led to his death in early December 2007.

“We brought this case against Schwab because the staff failed to follow specific care orders,” said Steven M. Levin of Levin & Perconti. “Our goal is to help improve the system of care for other residents by revealing the mistakes made in our client’s care.”

The lawsuit was filed two months after the Illinois Department of Public Health completed an investigation into the victim’s case and cited the facility for improper nursing care.

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