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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Michigan State University  
Office of the General Counsel  
426 Auditorium Road, Room 494  
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RE: Our Clients: Jane A. Doe (minor) by next friend Jane B. Doe,  
Jane C. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane F. Doe,  
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Jane K. Doe (minor) by next friend Jane L. Doe,  
Jane M. Doe, Jane N. Doe, and Jane O. Doe

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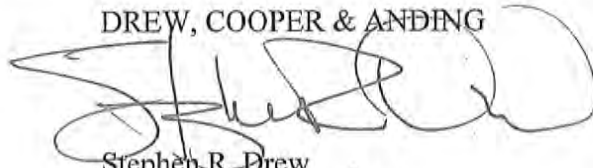
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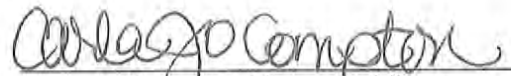
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Mark Alesia, Marisa Kwiatkowski and Tim Evans, IndyStar 3:39 p.m. EDT October 27, 2016



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Rachael Denhollander poses at her home in Louisville, Kentucky, on Aug. 23, 2016. She recently filed a police report in Michigan, alleging that she was sexually abused by Dr. Larry Nassar, formerly the main physician for USA Gymnastics. (Photo: Robert Scheer/IndyStar)

"I was terrified," she recalled. "I was ashamed. I was very embarrassed. And I was very confused, trying to reconcile what was happening with the person he was supposed to be. He's this famous doctor. He's trusted by my friends. He's trusted by these other gymnasts. How could he reach this position in the medical profession, how could he reach this kind of prominence and stature if this is who he is?"

She said she figured the problem must be with her.

"Part of that, I know now, is a very common response that victims have," Denhollander said. "It's much easier in some ways to hide from what's happening and just go somewhere else mentally. It was easier to not have to verbalize and recognize what was happening."

Years later, while Denhollander and her husband, Jacob, were dating and contemplating a future together, she nervously told him about the alleged abuse. They were on swings at a playground.

"She was telling it from the perspective of feeling that she was damaged goods, that she was broken, and would I put up with that," Jacob Denhollander said. "To me, that was one of the most heartbreaking things, to hear that had been her experience, and her perspective was, 'I'm dirty because of it. I'm damaged.'"

Rachael Denhollander said she knows that if her case is prosecuted, she might be called to testify publicly in court about deeply personal and sensitive experiences.

"I hate that idea," she said. "I hate it. But if I don't, he can continue."

## **'Instrumental to the success'**

Nassar, 53, has been a high-profile figure in gymnastics for decades. During one of the sport's iconic moments, U.S. Olympic team officials handed over gymnast Kerri Strug to Nassar for medical attention after she performed on the vault with an injured ankle. At the time, it was believed to be the performance necessary to secure the gold medal in the 1996 Olympics.

USA Gymnastics President [Steve Penny](https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/steve_penny.html) (https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/steve\_penny.html) once praised Nassar as being "instrumental to the success of USA Gymnastics at many levels, both on and off the field of play." In that [2014 news release](https://usagym.org/pages/post.html?PostID=14677&prog=h) (https://usagym.org/pages/post.html?PostID=14677&prog=h), Penny added that Nassar's "contributions over the years are immeasurable and will continue to be so."

Nassar is president of the [Gymnastics Doctor Autism Foundation](http://www.gdafoundation.org/) (http://www.gdafoundation.org/), which helps gymnastics clubs establish programs for special needs children, and his Facebook page is filled with tributes to him.

"He's an extremely professional physician," John Gedder (<http://thegymnasticscoach.com/about-john-gedder-the-gymnastics-coach/>), the 2012 Olympic team head coach and owner of Twistars Gymnastics, told IndyStar. "Very competent and goes above and beyond the call of duty in treating athletes. He's probably one of the most respected gymnastics professionals I've ever had to deal with."

IndyStar was unable to find any other allegations of sexual misconduct against Nassar in civil or criminal court records.

In 2014, he posted on Facebook (<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3089890-Nassar-2014-Announcement.html>) that he would continue working with women's artistic gymnastics "for as long as the program feels I can be an asset to them." In June 2015, Nassar wrote a Facebook post (<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3089892-Nassar-2015-Announcement.html>) saying he intended to stay on as U.S. Olympic team doctor through the Rio Olympics.

Yet three months later, Nassar was no longer team doctor. Last month, Nassar explained on Facebook (<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3089895-Nassar-School-Board-Run.html>) why he wasn't at the Rio Olympics. He said he retired so he could run for a school board position in Holt, Michigan.

"I knew that if I dedicated the time needed to be at the 2016 Rio Olympics, I would not be able to prepare a campaign for the school board," he wrote.

Borgula, his lawyer, said Nassar's retirement had nothing to do with allegations of sexual abuse, but he did acknowledge that USA Gymnastics had informed the doctor of potentially criminal allegations prior to his resignation.

USA Gymnastics would not tell IndyStar which law enforcement agency it reported to. And Borgula said no agency ever contacted Nassar concerning the allegations USA Gymnastics said it forwarded to police.

How many athletes expressed concerns to USA Gymnastics, and when those concerns were received, is unclear. The two athletes who approached IndyStar said they did not report their concerns directly to USA Gymnastics.

The lawsuit was filed in Sacramento County against Nassar, USA Gymnastics and the organization's past three presidents, including Penny. None of the individuals was mentioned by name, but Manly, the attorney, confirmed the identities of the defendants targeted by the suit.

The lawsuit claims USA Gymnastics not only hid complaints about Nassar, it failed to adequately supervise his activities. The lawsuit claims Nassar "would do anal and vaginal examinations of Plaintiff and other gymnasts in the care of (USA Gymnastics) without gloves, a chaperone, and/or any form of lubricant."

The California woman told IndyStar she didn't report the alleged abuse at the time because she didn't know it was wrong. According to the lawsuit, the abuse started when she was 12 or 13 and continued until she was 18.

"It felt like a privilege to be seen by him," she said. "I trusted him."

Her lawsuit said the procedures Nassar performed were "well outside any recognized and/or accepted technique and were done for the Perpetrator's ... own sexual gratification."

Nassar would "fondle and grope Plaintiff's feet, ankles, thighs, buttocks, hips, waist, breasts, arms, shoulders and neck, placing Plaintiff under the impression this inappropriate contact was part of treatment," according to the suit.

The lawsuit also claims Nassar talked to the California gymnast about sex, describing oral sex and telling her that other underage gymnasts were doing it.

The California woman told IndyStar it took her more than a decade to understand what Nassar had done. She never told anyone until July. And she wept as she tried to talk about how it affected her life.

The lawsuit says she "suffered immensely" from anxiety, depression, a lack of trust and "self-medicating behavior."

"It's a lot," she said.

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## Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of abuse

Mark Alesia, Marisa Kwiatkowski and Tim Evans, IndyStar 3:39 p.m. EDT October 27, 2016



(Photo: Sean Fujiwara for IndyStar/USAToday)

**Editor's note: Since this article published, IndyStar has learned that more than 30 people have come forward with allegations of sexual abuse against Dr. Larry Nassar.**

Two former gymnasts, one an Olympic medalist, have accused a prominent, longtime team physician for USA Gymnastics of sexual abuse.

One of the women filed a civil lawsuit (<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3106054-JANE-JD-COMPLAINT-Signed.html>) Thursday in California that was released Monday. The other filed a complaint two weeks ago with police in Michigan.

The women, in separate interviews with IndyStar, provided detailed accounts that closely mirrored each other as they outlined their allegations against Dr. Larry G. Nassar (<http://sportsmed.msu.edu/pages/Nassar/index.html>). Nassar served as USA Gymnastics' team physician during four Olympic Games and left his position last September with little public notice.



Dr. Larry Nassar, D.O. (Photo: Becky Shink/Lansing State Journal 2008 file photo)

Nassar, a faculty member at Michigan State University who has treated the university's gymnasts, has not been charged with any crime. His lawyer, Matthew Borgula, said Nassar "emphatically" denies any wrongdoing.

After being shown a copy of the lawsuit Monday, Borgula said, "Dr. Nassar, to the extent the allegations are against him, adamantly denies any misconduct at this or any other time."

The women said they were molested during multiple treatments in the 1990s and early 2000s. The two women said the doctor fondled their genitals and breasts. One of them said Nassar also spoke about oral sex and made other inappropriate comments when they were alone, according to court records. The other woman said she told police Nassar was visibly aroused as he examined her during one medical visit.

The Olympic medalist sued Nassar and USA Gymnastics (<https://usagym.org/>) in California, where she lives. The woman, who is unnamed in the suit, alleges that the Indianapolis-based organization failed to act on suspicions about the doctor's conduct. Her attorney would not provide IndyStar with evidence to support that allegation.

"I'm not going to get into the details because, frankly, it would give the defense an unfair advantage," the attorney, John Manly, said.

His client said USA Gymnastics allowed Nassar to examine her alone in private rooms in violation of best practices and the organization's current standards of conduct.



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Doctor disputes USA Gymnastics claim

(<http://www.indystar.com/story/news/investigations/2016/09/13/doctor-disputes-usa-gymnastics-claim/90304998/>)

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The university said it suspended Nassar from "clinical and patient duties" Aug. 30, when it received the criminal complaint. He will remain suspended during the investigation. University officials also began an investigation under Title IX of the federal Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender in educational programs.

On Monday, USA Gymnastics reiterated a statement it made last week in response to previous questions about Nassar from IndyStar:

"Dr. Nassar is no longer affiliated with USA Gymnastics. Upon learning of athlete concerns, USA Gymnastics immediately notified law enforcement. Since then, we have cooperated fully with the law enforcement agency, including refraining from making further statements or taking any other action that might interfere with the agency's investigation. We are grateful to the athletes for coming forward to share their concerns."

The organization, which serves as the sport's national governing body and selects the Olympic team, would not respond to specific questions about its handling of the allegations against Nassar. But after the story was published on IndyStar.com, USA Gymnastics issued a subsequent statement with more detail.

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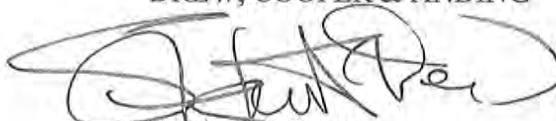
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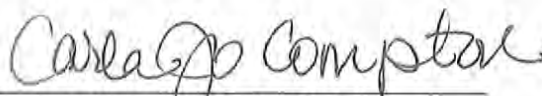
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Rachael Denhollander said she knows that if her case is prosecuted, she might be called to testify publicly in court about deeply personal and sensitive experiences.

"I hate that idea," she said. "I hate it. But if I don't, he can continue."

## **'Instrumental to the success'**

Nassar, 53, has been a high-profile figure in gymnastics for decades. During one of the sport's iconic moments, U.S. Olympic team officials handed over gymnast Kerri Strug to Nassar for medical attention after she performed on the vault with an injured ankle. At the time, it was believed to be the performance necessary to secure the gold medal in the 1996 Olympics.

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Nassar is president of the [Gymnastics Doctor Autism Foundation](http://www.gdafoundation.org/) (http://www.gdafoundation.org/), which helps gymnastics clubs establish programs for special needs children, and his Facebook page is filled with tributes to him.

"He's an extremely professional physician," John Geddert (<http://thegymnasticscoach.com/about-john-geddert-the-gymnastics-coach/>), the 2012 Olympic team head coach and owner of Twistars Gymnastics, told IndyStar. "Very competent and goes above and beyond the call of duty in treating athletes. He's probably one of the most respected gymnastics professionals I've ever had to deal with."

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Yet three months later, Nassar was no longer team doctor. Last month, Nassar explained on Facebook (<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3089895-Nassar-School-Board-Run.html>) why he wasn't at the Rio Olympics. He said he retired so he could run for a school board position in Holt, Michigan.

"I knew that if I dedicated the time needed to be at the 2016 Rio Olympics, I would not be able to prepare a campaign for the school board," he wrote.

Borgula, his lawyer, said Nassar's retirement had nothing to do with allegations of sexual abuse, but he did acknowledge that USA Gymnastics had informed the doctor of potentially criminal allegations prior to his resignation.

USA Gymnastics would not tell IndyStar which law enforcement agency it reported to. And Borgula said no agency ever contacted Nassar concerning the allegations USA Gymnastics said it forwarded to police.

How many athletes expressed concerns to USA Gymnastics, and when those concerns were received, is unclear. The two athletes who approached IndyStar said they did not report their concerns directly to USA Gymnastics.

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"It felt like a privilege to be seen by him," she said. "I trusted him."

Her lawsuit said the procedures Nassar performed were "well outside any recognized and/or accepted technique and were done for the Perpetrator's ... own sexual gratification."

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The California woman told IndyStar it took her more than a decade to understand what Nassar had done. She never told anyone until July. And she wept as she tried to talk about how it affected her life.

The lawsuit says she "suffered immensely" from anxiety, depression, a lack of trust and "self-medicating behavior."

"It's a lot," she said.

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Pursuant to MCL §600.6431(1), please accept this letter as a Notice of Intent to File Claim, which includes a notarized signature of our clients' legal representative, Attorney Stephen R. Drew. This Notice serves as our clients' intent to file claims against Michigan State University, Lawrence Nassar, D.O., a former employee/agent/representative of Michigan State University, and any other entity, division, department, employee, representative or agent of MSU involved with the treatment of claimants, investigation of complaints, or involved in the employment aspects of Lawrence Nassar, including but not limited to hiring, retention, supervision, and monitoring.

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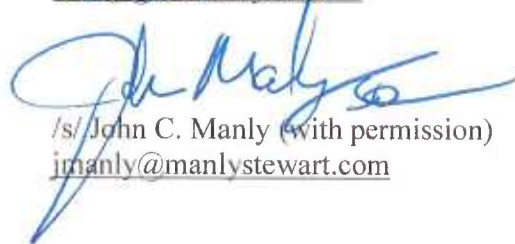
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"Part of that, I know now, is a very common response that victims have," Denhollander said. "It's much easier in some ways to hide from what's happening and just go somewhere else mentally. It was easier to not have to verbalize and recognize what was happening."

Years later, while Denhollander and her husband, Jacob, were dating and contemplating a future together, she nervously told him about the alleged abuse. They were on swings at a playground.

"She was telling it from the perspective of feeling that she was damaged goods, that she was broken, and would I put up with that," Jacob Denhollander said. "To me, that was one of the most heartbreaking things, to hear that had been her experience, and her perspective was, 'I'm dirty because of it. I'm damaged.'"

Rachael Denhollander said she knows that if her case is prosecuted, she might be called to testify publicly in court about deeply personal and sensitive experiences.

"I hate that idea," she said. "I hate it. But if I don't, he can continue."

## **'Instrumental to the success'**

Nassar, 53, has been a high-profile figure in gymnastics for decades. During one of the sport's iconic moments, U.S. Olympic team officials handed over gymnast Kerri Strug to Nassar for medical attention after she performed on the vault with an injured ankle. At the time, it was believed to be the performance necessary to secure the gold medal in the 1996 Olympics.

USA Gymnastics President [Steve Penny](https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/steve_penny.html) (https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/steve\_penny.html) once praised Nassar as being "instrumental to the success of USA Gymnastics at many levels, both on and off the field of play." In that [2014 news release](https://usagym.org/pages/post.html?PostID=14677&prog=h) (https://usagym.org/pages/post.html?PostID=14677&prog=h), Penny added that Nassar's "contributions over the years are immeasurable and will continue to be so."

Nassar is president of the [Gymnastics Doctor Autism Foundation](http://www.gdafoundation.org/) (http://www.gdafoundation.org/), which helps gymnastics clubs establish programs for special needs children, and his Facebook page is filled with tributes to him.

"He's an extremely professional physician," John Geddert (<http://thegymnasticscoach.com/about-john-geddert-the-gymnastics-coach/>), the 2012 Olympic team head coach and owner of Twistars Gymnastics, told IndyStar. "Very competent and goes above and beyond the call of duty in treating athletes. He's probably one of the most respected gymnastics professionals I've ever had to deal with."

IndyStar was unable to find any other allegations of sexual misconduct against Nassar in civil or criminal court records.

In 2014, he [posted on Facebook \(https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3089890-Nassar-2014-Announcement.html\)](https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3089890-Nassar-2014-Announcement.html) that he would continue working with women's artistic gymnastics "for as long as the program feels I can be an asset to them." In June 2015, Nassar wrote a [Facebook post \(https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3089892-Nassar-2015-Announcement.html\)](https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3089892-Nassar-2015-Announcement.html) saying he intended to stay on as U.S. Olympic team doctor through the Rio Olympics.

Yet three months later, Nassar was no longer team doctor. Last month, Nassar [explained on Facebook \(https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3089895-Nassar-School-Board-Run.html\)](https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3089895-Nassar-School-Board-Run.html) why he wasn't at the Rio Olympics. He said he retired so he could run for a school board position in Holt, Michigan.

"I knew that if I dedicated the time needed to be at the 2016 Rio Olympics, I would not be able to prepare a campaign for the school board," he wrote.

Borgula, his lawyer, said Nassar's retirement had nothing to do with allegations of sexual abuse, but he did acknowledge that USA Gymnastics had informed the doctor of potentially criminal allegations prior to his resignation.

USA Gymnastics would not tell IndyStar which law enforcement agency it reported to. And Borgula said no agency ever contacted Nassar concerning the allegations USA Gymnastics said it forwarded to police.

How many athletes expressed concerns to USA Gymnastics, and when those concerns were received, is unclear. The two athletes who approached IndyStar said they did not report their concerns directly to USA Gymnastics.

The lawsuit was filed in Sacramento County against Nassar, USA Gymnastics and the organization's past three presidents, including Penny. None of the individuals was mentioned by name, but Manly, the attorney, confirmed the identities of the defendants targeted by the suit.

The lawsuit claims USA Gymnastics not only hid complaints about Nassar, it failed to adequately supervise his activities. The lawsuit claims Nassar "would do anal and vaginal examinations of Plaintiff and other gymnasts in the care of (USA Gymnastics) without gloves, a chaperone, and/or any form of lubricant."

The California woman told IndyStar she didn't report the alleged abuse at the time because she didn't know it was wrong. According to the lawsuit, the abuse started when she was 12 or 13 and continued until she was 18.

"It felt like a privilege to be seen by him," she said. "I trusted him."

Her lawsuit said the procedures Nassar performed were "well outside any recognized and/or accepted technique and were done for the Perpetrator's ... own sexual gratification."

Nassar would "fondle and grope Plaintiff's feet, ankles, thighs, buttocks, hips, waist, breasts, arms, shoulders and neck, placing Plaintiff under the impression this inappropriate contact was part of treatment," according to the suit.

The lawsuit also claims Nassar talked to the California gymnast about sex, describing oral sex and telling her that other underage gymnasts were doing it.

The California woman told IndyStar it took her more than a decade to understand what Nassar had done. She never told anyone until July. And she wept as she tried to talk about how it affected her life.

The lawsuit says she "suffered immensely" from anxiety, depression, a lack of trust and "self-medicating behavior."

"It's a lot," she said.

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN - SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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JANE A. DOE by next friend JANE B. DOE;  
JANE C. DOE; JANE D. DOE;  
JANE E. DOE; JANE F. DOE; JANE G. DOE;  
JANE H. DOE; JANE J. DOE;  
JANE K. DOE by next friend; JANE L. DOE;  
JANE M. DOE; JANE N. DOE; JANE O. DOE;  
JANE P. DOE by next friend; JANE Q. DOE;  
JANE R. DOE; JANE S. DOE by next friend  
JANE T. DOE; JANE U. DOE;  
JANE V. DOE by next friend JANE W. DOE;  
JANE X. DOE; JANE Y. DOE by next friend  
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JANE A.R. DOE; JANE A.S. DOE; JANE A.T. DOE;  
JANE A.U. DOE; JANE A.V. DOE; JANE A.W. DOE;  
JANE A.X. DOE; JANE A.Y. DOE;

Plaintiffs,

v.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; THE BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY;  
LAWRENCE GERARD NASSAR (individual and  
official capacity); USA GYMNASTICS, INC.;  
TWISTARS USA, INC. d/b/a GEDDERTS' TWISTARS  
GYMNASTICS CLUB USA,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:17-cv-00029-GJQ-ESC

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**SECOND AMENDED  
COMPLAINT AND RELIANCE  
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**COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND**

NOW COME Plaintiffs, by and through their attorneys DREW, COOPER & ANDING, and MANLY, STEWART & FINALDI, and hereby allege and state as follows:

**I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT AND INTRODUCTION**

1. This is a civil action for declaratory, injunctive, equitable, and monetary relief for injuries sustained by Plaintiffs as a result of the acts, conduct, and omissions of Lawrence Nassar, D.O., Michigan State University (“MSU”), USA Gymnastics (“USAG”), and Twistars USA, Inc. (“Twistars”) and their respective employees, representatives, and agents, relating to sexual assault, abuse, molestation, and nonconsensual sexual touching and harassment by Defendant Nassar against Plaintiffs, all female, many of whom were minors when the sexual assaults took place.
2. Plaintiffs are or were young athletes participating in a variety of sports including gymnastics, swimming, figure skating, track and field, field hockey, basketball, and soccer.
3. Defendant Nassar came highly recommended to Plaintiffs as a renowned orthopedic sports medicine physician, purportedly well-respected in the sports medicine community, specifically in the gymnastics community as the Team Physician for the United States Gymnastics team.
4. Plaintiffs and their parents had no reason to suspect Defendant Nassar was anything other than a competent and ethical physician.
5. From approximately 1996 to 2016 Defendant Nassar worked for Michigan State University in various positions and capacities.
6. From 1986 to approximately 2015 Defendant Nassar also worked for USA Gymnastics in various positions and capacities.

7. For over 20 years, Defendant Nassar had unfettered access to young female athletes through the Sports Medicine Clinic at MSU, and through his involvement with USAG and Twistars, who referred athletes to his care.
8. To gain Plaintiffs' trust, at appointments, Defendant Nassar would give some Plaintiffs gifts such as t-shirts, pins, flags, leotards, and other items, some with USAG logos and others without.
9. From 1996 to 1999, under the guise of treatment, Defendant Nassar sexually assaulted, abused, and molested Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane M. Doe, Jane O. Doe, Jane X. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.M. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe some of whom were minors, by nonconsensual vaginal and anal digital penetration and without the use of gloves or lubricant. In some situations, he also touched and groped their breasts.
10. Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane M. Doe, Jane O. Doe, Jane X. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.M. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe were seeking treatment for athletic injuries to their lower backs, shins, hamstrings, hip, tailbone, and elbow, groin, foot, and knees.
11. While most of the assaults were carried out at MSU, others were carried out at USAG sponsored events, and Twistars.
12. The ages of the Plaintiffs assaulted during 1996 to 1999 ranged from 9 to 22 years old.
13. In 1999, Jane X. Doe, a MSU student athlete, reported to trainers and her coach who were employees of MSU concerns about Defendant Nassar's conduct and "treatment," yet MSU failed to take any action in response to her complaints.
14. In 2000, Jane T.T. Doe, another MSU student athlete reported to trainers concerns about

Defendant Nassar's conduct and "treatment," yet again MSU failed to take any action in response to her complaints.

15. Many Plaintiffs were seen alone with only the individual Plaintiff and Defendant Nassar in the room, without chaperones.
16. At other times, Defendant Nassar would position himself in a manner in which parents or chaperones in the room could not see his conduct.
17. Because MSU took no action to investigate the 1999 or 2000 complaints and took no corrective action, from 2000 to 2016, under the guise of treatment, Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe, Jane C. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane F. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane K. Doe, Jane M. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane O. Doe, Jane P. Doe, Jane R. Doe, Jane S. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe, Jane X. Doe, Jane Y. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.D. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.F. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.H. Doe, Jane A.I. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.N. Doe, Jane A.O. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.R. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.T. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, Jane A.V. Doe, Jane A.W. Doe, Jane A.X. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe, many of whom were minors, were also sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar by nonconsensual vaginal and anal digital penetration, nonconsensual sexual touching of the vaginal area without the use of gloves or lubricant and by nonconsensual touching and groping of their breasts.
18. While most victims were assaulted at MSU, other victims were assaulted at USAG sanctioned events and Twistars.
19. The ages of the Plaintiffs assaulted from 2000 to 2016 ranged from 9 to 29 years old.
20. Additional complaints regarding Defendant Nassar's conduct surfaced in 2014. A victim reported she had an appointment with Defendant Nassar to address hip pain and was

sexually abused and molested by Defendant Nassar when he cupped her buttocks, massaged her breast and vaginal area, and became sexually aroused.<sup>1</sup>

21. Upon information and belief, Defendant MSU investigated the 2014 complaints through their Office of Institutional Equity, and although the victim reported to Defendant MSU certain facts, some were omitted from the investigative report including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Defendant Nassar was sexually aroused while touching her;
  - b. The appointment with Defendant Nassar did not end until she physically removed his hands from her body.
22. Three months after initiating the investigation, in July 2014, the victim's complaints were dismissed and Defendant MSU determined she didn't understand the "nuanced difference" between sexual assault and an appropriate medical procedure and deemed Defendant Nassar's conduct "medically appropriate" and "Not of a sexual nature."<sup>2</sup>
23. Following the investigation, upon information and belief Defendant Nassar became subject to new institutional guidelines, one of which – it is believed – was that Defendant Nassar was not to examine or treat patients alone.<sup>3</sup>
24. Defendant Nassar continued to treat patients alone.
25. Following the investigation, between approximately 2014 and 2016, Plaintiffs Jane A. Doe, Jane K. Doe, Jane S. Doe, Jane V. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.N. Doe, and Jane A.S. Doe were sexually assaulted by Defendant Nassar.

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<sup>1</sup> See, At MSU: Assault, harassment and secrecy. Matt Mencarini, December 15, 2016. Available at, <http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/2016/12/15/michigan-state-sexual-assault-harassment-larry-nassar/94993582/>. (Last accessed January 5, 2017.)

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

26. Through his position with MSU, his notoriety, and support by USAG and Twistars, Defendant Nassar used his position of authority as a medical professional to abuse Plaintiffs without any reasonable supervision by MSU or USAG.
27. Defendant Nassar carried out these acts without fully explaining the “treatment” or obtaining consent of Plaintiffs or their parents.
28. All of Defendant Nassar’s acts were conducted under the guise of providing medical care at his office at Michigan State University or at Twistars.
29. The failure to give proper notice or to obtain consent for the purported “treatment” from Plaintiffs or their parents robbed them of the opportunity to reject the “treatment.”
30. Defendant Nassar used his position of trust and confidence in an abusive manner causing Plaintiffs to suffer a variety of injuries including shock, humiliation, emotional distress and related physical manifestations thereof, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, and loss of enjoyment of life.
31. In September 2016, a story was published regarding a complaint filed with Defendant MSU’s Police Department titled “Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of Abuse,” which included Plaintiff Denhollander’s allegations against Defendant Nassar.
32. Following the September 2016 publication, other victims began coming forward after recognizing that they were victims of sexual abuse at a time when most of them were minors.
33. Plaintiffs have been forced to relive the trauma of the sexual assaults.
34. In summer 2015, USAG relieved Defendant Nassar of his duties after becoming aware of concerns about his actions, yet USAG failed to inform Michigan State University of the circumstances regarding his dismissal.

35. As early as 1999, representatives of Michigan State University were made aware of Defendant Nassar's conduct, yet failed to appropriately respond to allegations, resulting in the sexual assault, abuse, and molestation of Plaintiffs through approximately 2016.
36. Michigan State University's deliberate indifference before, during, and after the sexual assault, abuse, and molestation of Plaintiffs was in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681 *et seq.*, 42 U.S. C. §1983, as well as other Federal and State laws.
37. MSU and USAG's failure to properly supervise Defendant Nassar and their negligence in retaining Defendant Nassar was in violation of Michigan common law.
38. In late November 2016, Defendant Nassar was arrested and charged in Ingham County, Michigan on three charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a person under 13.<sup>4</sup>
39. In mid-December 2016, Defendant Nassar was indicted, arrested, and charged in Federal Court in Grand Rapids, Michigan on charges of possession of child pornography and receipt/attempted receipt of child pornography.
40. On February 22, 2017, Defendant Nassar was arraigned on 22 counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a person under 13 years old, and 14 counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct with a person under the age of 13 years old in Ingham County, Michigan<sup>5</sup> and Eaton County, Michigan.<sup>6</sup> Plaintiff Denhollander is among the victims

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<sup>4</sup> State of Michigan, Ingham County Circuit Court Case No. 1603031.

<sup>5</sup> *State v. Nassar*, Ingham County District Court Case No. 17-00425, *see also*, [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Nassar\\_affidavit\\_Ingham\\_County\\_charges\\_Feb.2017\\_552531\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Nassar_affidavit_Ingham_County_charges_Feb.2017_552531_7.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> *State v. Nassar*, Eaton County District Court Case No. 17-0318, *see also*, [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Nassar\\_affidavit\\_Eaton\\_County\\_charges\\_Feb.2017\\_552536\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Nassar_affidavit_Eaton_County_charges_Feb.2017_552536_7.pdf)

identified in the most recent state criminal charges.<sup>7</sup>

41. The acts, conduct, and omissions of Defendants Michigan State University, USA Gymnastics, and Twistars, and their policies, customs, and practices with respect to investigating sexual assault allegations severely compromised the safety and health of Plaintiffs and an unknown number of individuals, and have resulted in repeated instances of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation of Plaintiffs by Defendant Nassar, which has been devastating for Plaintiffs and their families.
42. This action arises from Defendants' blatant disregard for Plaintiffs' federal and state rights, and Defendants' deliberately indifferent and unreasonable response to physician-on-patient/physician-on-student sexual assault, abuse, and molestation.

## **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

43. This action is brought pursuant to Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681, *et seq.*, as more fully set forth herein.
44. This is also an action to redress the deprivation of Plaintiffs' constitutional rights under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983.
45. Subject matter jurisdiction is founded upon 28 U.S.C. §1331 which gives district courts jurisdiction over all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, and treaties of the United States.
46. Subject matter jurisdiction is also founded upon 28 U.S.C. §1343 which gives district courts original jurisdiction over any civil actions authorized by law to be brought by any

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<sup>7</sup> Although the sexual assault victims are not identified by name in the affidavits hyperlinked above, Plaintiff Denhollander has publicly identified herself as one of the victims. *See*, "Victim C" in Michigan State Dr. Larry Nassar case glad to see criminal charges, available at [http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2017/02/victim\\_c\\_in\\_michigan\\_state\\_dr.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2017/02/victim_c_in_michigan_state_dr.html), last accessed March 1, 2017.



person to redress the deprivation, under color of any State Law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom or usage, of any right, privilege or immunity secured by the Constitution of the United States or by any Act of Congress providing for equal rights of citizens or of all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States, and any civil action to recover damages or to secure equitable relief under any Act of Congress providing for the protection of civil rights.

47. Plaintiffs further invoke the supplemental jurisdiction of this Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a) to hear and decide claims arising under state law that are so related to the claims within the original jurisdiction of this Court that they form part of the same case or controversy.
48. The claims are cognizable under the United States Constitution, 42 U.S.C. §1983, 20 U.S.C. §1681 *et seq.*, and under Michigan Law.
49. The events giving rise to this lawsuit occurred in Ingham County, Michigan which sits in the Southern Division of the Western District of Michigan.
50. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (b)(2), in that this is the judicial district in which the events giving rise to the claim occurred.
51. Because Michigan State University is a public university organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and Michigan statutory law requires parties to file a Notice of Intention to File Claim in order to maintain any action against the state, in satisfaction of M.C.L. §600.6431 Plaintiffs filed Notices of Intent to File Claim with the Michigan Court of Claims on November 29, 2016, December 21, 2016, January 9, 2017, and January 24, 2017, and March 10, 2017 (all Notices of Intent attached as Exhibit 1).

**III. PARTIES AND KEY INDIVIDUALS**

52. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
53. With the exception of Plaintiff Rachael Denhollander, the names of the Plaintiffs have been withheld from this Complaint to protect their identities as some are currently minor children, or were minor children at the time the sexual abuse occurred.<sup>8</sup>
54. Plaintiff Rachael Denhollander is a female and is a resident of Kentucky, but resided in Michigan at all relevant times as indicated below. Plaintiff Denhollander was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
55. Plaintiff Jane A. Doe is a minor female and is a resident of Michigan.
56. Plaintiff Jane B. Doe is an adult female, the mother of Plaintiff Jane A. Doe, and is a resident of Michigan.
57. Plaintiff Jane C. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan.
58. Plaintiff Jane D. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Illinois, but resided in Michigan at all relevant times as indicated below. Plaintiff Jane D. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
59. Plaintiff Jane E. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane E. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
60. Plaintiff Jane F. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Washington, but resided in Michigan at all relevant times as indicated below. Plaintiff Jane F. Doe was a minor at the

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<sup>8</sup> Plaintiffs will seek an Order of the Court regarding disclosure of Plaintiffs' identities and all conditions for disclosure.

times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.

61. Plaintiff Jane G. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of South Carolina, but resided in Michigan at all relevant times as indicated below. Plaintiff Jane G. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
62. Plaintiff Jane H. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Arizona, but resided in Michigan at all relevant times as indicated below. Plaintiff Jane H. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
63. Plaintiff Jane J. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane J. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
64. Plaintiff Jane K. Doe is a minor female and is a resident of Michigan.
65. Plaintiff Jane L. Doe is an adult female, the mother of Plaintiff Jane K. Doe, and is a resident of Michigan.
66. Plaintiff Jane M. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Illinois, but resided in Michigan at all relevant times as indicated below. Plaintiff Jane M. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
67. Plaintiff Jane N. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of California, but resided in Michigan at all relevant times as indicated below.
68. Plaintiff Jane O. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane O. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
69. Plaintiff Jane P. Doe is a minor female and is a resident of Michigan.
70. Plaintiff Jane Q. Doe is an adult female, the mother of Plaintiff Jane P. Doe, and a resident

of Michigan.

71. Plaintiff Jane R. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane R. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
72. Plaintiff Jane S. Doe is a minor female and is a resident of Michigan.
73. Plaintiff Jane T. Doe is an adult female, the mother of Plaintiff Jane S. Doe, and a resident of Michigan.
74. Plaintiff Jane U. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane U. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
75. Plaintiff Jane V. Doe is a minor female and is a resident of Michigan.
76. Plaintiff Jane W. Doe is an adult female, the mother of Plaintiff Jane V. Doe, and a resident of Michigan.
77. Plaintiff Jane X. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of North Carolina but resided in Michigan at all relevant times as indicated below.
78. Plaintiff Jane Y. Doe is a minor female and is a resident of Michigan.
79. Plaintiff Jane Z. Doe is an adult female, the mother of Plaintiff Jane Y. Doe and a resident of Michigan.
80. Plaintiff Jane A.A. Doe is an adult<sup>9</sup> female and is a resident of Michigan.
81. Jane A.B. Doe is an adult female, the mother of Plaintiff Jane A.A. Doe, and a resident of Michigan.

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<sup>9</sup> Plaintiff A.A. Doe originally sought to proceed by Next Friend Jane A.B. Doe due to her age, but recently reached the age of majority.

82. Plaintiff Jane A.C. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane A.C. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
83. Plaintiff Jane A.D. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane A.D. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
84. Plaintiff Jane A.E. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane A.E. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
85. Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Tennessee but resided in Michigan at all relevant times indicated below. Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
86. Plaintiff Jane A.G. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane A.G. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
87. Plaintiff Jane A.H. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Texas but resided in Michigan at all relevant times indicated below. Plaintiff Jane A.H. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
88. Plaintiff Jane A.I. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan.
89. Plaintiff Jane A.K. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Florida but resided in Michigan at all relevant times indicated below.
90. Plaintiff Jane A.L. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane A.L. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by

Defendant Nassar.

91. Plaintiff Jane A.M. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane A.M. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
92. Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Tennessee but resided in Michigan at all relevant times indicated below. Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe was a minor during a portion of the time she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
93. Plaintiff Jane A.O. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane A.O. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
94. Plaintiff Jane A.Q. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane A.Q. Doe was a minor during a portion of the time she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
95. Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Illinois but resided in Michigan at all relevant times indicated below. Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
96. Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe was a minor during a portion of the time she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
97. Plaintiff Jane A.T. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Illinois but resided in Michigan at all relevant times as indicated below.
98. Plaintiff Jane A.U. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane A.U.

Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nasar.

99. Plaintiff Jane A.V. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan.
100. Plaintiff Jane A.W. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Ohio but resided in Michigan at all relevant times indicated below. Plaintiff Jane A.W. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
101. Plaintiff Jane A.X. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane A.X. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
102. Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe is an adult female and is a resident of Michigan. Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe was a minor at the times she was sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.
103. Defendant Lawrence “Larry” Nassar, is a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, and is a resident of Michigan.
104. Defendant Michigan State University (hereinafter, “Defendant MSU”) was at all relevant times and continues to be a public university organized and existing under the laws of the state of Michigan.
105. Defendant Michigan State University receives federal financial assistance and is therefore subject to Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681(a).
106. Defendant The Board of Trustees of Michigan State University (hereinafter, “Defendant MSU Trustees”) is the governing body for Michigan State University.
107. Defendant MSU and Defendant MSU Trustees are hereinafter collectively referred to as the MSU Defendants.

108. Lou Anna K. Simon is the current President of Defendant MSU, appointed in approximately January 2005. Prior to her appointment as President, Ms. Simon held several administrative roles including assistant provost for general academic administration, associate provost, and provost and vice president for academic affairs during her career with MSU.
109. M. Peter McPherson is the immediate Past President of Defendant MSU, and served as President from approximately 1993 – 2004.
110. William D. Strampel, D.O. is the Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Michigan State University serving as Dean since approximately April 2002 and as Acting Dean between December 2001 and April 2002.
111. Jeffrey R. Kovan, D.O. is or was the Director of Division of Sports Medicine at Michigan State University.
112. Defendant United States of America Gymnastics (hereinafter “Defendant USAG”) was and continues to be an organization incorporated in Indiana, authorized to conduct business and conducting business throughout the United States, including but not limited to Michigan.
113. Steve Penny is the current president of Defendant USAG, named in approximately April 2005, who is currently responsible for the overall management and strategic planning of Defendant USAG.
114. Robert Colarossi is the past president of Defendant USAG and held the position from approximately 1998 to 2005, and during that time was responsible for the overall management and strategic planning of Defendant USAG.
115. Defendant Twistars USA, Inc. d/b/a Geddert’s Twistars Gymnastics Club USA (hereinafter, “Defendant Twistars”) was and continues to be an organization incorporated



in Michigan.

116. John Geddert is the owner and operator of Twistars USA, Inc. d/b/a Geddert's Twistars Gymnastics Club USA.

**IV. COMMON FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

117. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

118. At all relevant times, Defendant Nassar maintained an office at MSU in East Lansing, Michigan.

119. At all relevant times, Defendants MSU, MSU Trustees, and Nassar were acting under color of law, to wit, under color of statutes, ordinances, regulations, policies, customs, and usages of the State of Michigan and/or Defendant Michigan State University.

120. At all relevant times, including the years 1996 to 2016, Defendant Nassar was acting in the scope of his employment or agency with Defendant MSU.

121. At all relevant times, including the years 1996 to 2015, Defendant Nassar was acting in the scope of his employment or agency with Defendant USAG.

122. At all relevant times, including the years 1996 to 2016, Defendant Nassar was acting in the scope of his agency with Defendant Twistars.

123. Defendant Nassar graduated from Michigan State University with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree in approximately 1993.

124. Defendant Nassar was employed by and/or an agent of Defendant USAG from approximately 1986 to 2015, serving in various positions including but not limited to:

- a. Certified Athletic Trainer;
- b. Osteopathic Physician;

- c. National Medical Director;
  - d. National Team Physician, USA Gymnastics;
  - e. National Team Physician, USA Gymnastics Women's Artistic Gymnastics National Team.
125. Defendant Nassar was employed by Defendant MSU from approximately 1996 to 2016 in various positions including but not limited to:
- a. Associate Professor, Defendant MSU's Division of Sports Medicine, Department of Radiology, College of Osteopathic Medicine;
  - b. Team Physician, Defendant MSU's Men's and Women's Gymnastics Team;
  - c. Team Physician, Defendant MSU's Men's and Women's Track and Field Teams;
  - d. Team Physician, Defendant MSU's Men's and Women's Crew Team;
  - e. Team Physician, Defendant MSU's Intercollegiate Athletics;
  - f. Medical Consultant, Defendant MSU's Wharton Center for the Performing Arts;
  - g. Advisor, Student Osteopathic Association of Sports Medicine.
126. Defendant Twistars is a gymnastics facility with which Defendant Nassar affiliated from its inception in or around 1996.
127. John Geddert, owner and operator of Twistars USA, Inc. d/b/a Geddert's Twistars Gymnastics Club USA served as the USA World and Olympic Women's Gymnastics Team Head Coach.
128. Mr. Geddert regularly recommended Defendant Nassar to members of Defendant Twistars as a reputable physician.
129. For a period of time, Defendant Twistars displayed a photo of Defendant Nassar at its facility.

130. As an agent of Defendant Twistars, Defendant Nassar regularly provided services and treatment to Defendant Twistars' members and Defendant USAG's members on Defendant Twistars' premises.
131. As a physician of Osteopathic Medicine, Defendant Nassar's medical care and treatment should have consisted largely of osteopathic adjustments and kinesiology treatment to patients, including students and student-athletes of Defendant MSU.
132. Defendant Nassar is not and has never been a medical doctor of obstetrics or gynecology.
133. While employed by Defendants MSU and USAG, Defendant Nassar practiced medicine at Defendant MSU's Sports Medicine Clinic, a facility at MSU.
134. During his employment, agency, and representation with the MSU Defendants, Defendant USAG, and Defendant Twistars, Defendant Nassar sexually assaulted, abused, and molested Plaintiffs by engaging in nonconsensual sexual touching, assault, and harassment including but not limited to digital vaginal and anal penetration.
135. The State of Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Occupational Health Standards regarding Bloodborne Infectious Diseases mandates use of gloves when exposed to potentially infectious material, including vaginal secretions.<sup>10</sup>
136. In or around 1998, a parent of a gymnast at Defendant Twistars' facility complained to Mr. Geddert regarding Dr. Nassar's conduct, yet the concerns and allegations went unaddressed.
137. In or around 1999 the MSU Defendants were also put on notice of Defendant Nassar's conduct by Jane X. Doe, a MSU student athlete, after she complained to MSU employees,

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<sup>10</sup> See, Michigan Administrative Code, R. 325.70001, et seq., Available at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/CIS\\_WSH\\_part554\\_35632\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/CIS_WSH_part554_35632_7.pdf). Last accessed, January 5, 2017.

including trainers and her head coach, that Defendant Nassar touched her vaginal area although she was seeking treatment for an injured hamstring.

138. Despite her complaints to MSU representatives, Jane X. Doe's concerns and allegations went unaddressed.
139. In approximately 2000, a female student athlete (hereinafter Jane T.T. Doe),<sup>11</sup> a member of Defendant MSU's Women's Softball Team, was sexually assaulted and abused during "treatment" by Defendant Nassar and reported Defendant Nassar's conduct to Defendant MSU's employees, including trainers.
140. Jane T.T. Doe's allegations regarding the sexual assault include the following statements:

Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendants knew or should have known that NASSAR had engaged in unlawful sexually-related conduct in the past, and/or was continuing to engage in such conduct. Defendants had a duty to disclose these facts to Plaintiff, her parents and others, but negligently and/or intentionally suppressed, concealed or failed to disclose this information. The duty to disclose this information arose by the special, trusting, confidential, fiduciary relationship between Defendants and Plaintiff. Specifically, the Defendant MSU knew that NASSAR was performing intravaginal adjustments with his bare, ungloved hand and in isolation with young females, based on the following:

- a. The Plaintiff, approximately 18 years old at the time, had a visit with NASSAR where he touched her vagina, in order to purportedly heal back pain she was having, under the guise of legitimate medical treatment. The Plaintiff complained to a trainer on her softball team who responded by saying that NASSAR was a world renowned doctor, and that it was legitimate medical treatment. The Plaintiff continued with the purported treatment;
- b. As the purported treatments continued, NASSAR became more bold, having the Plaintiff remove her pants, and then inserting his bare, ungloved and unlubricated hand into her vagina. The Plaintiff, again, reported to Defendant MSU training staff, this time a higher ranking trainer. This trainer told the Plaintiff that the treatment sounded unusual and that the Plaintiff needed to speak to an even higher level trainer in the Department, who ended up being one of three individuals who supervised the entire

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<sup>11</sup> Referenced as Jane T.T. Doe in Exhibit 1.

department at Defendant MSU;

- c. When the Plaintiff went to see this individual, the Plaintiff was told by that individual that what happened to the Plaintiff was not sexual abuse, that NASSAR was a world renowned doctor, and that the Plaintiff was not to discuss what happened with NASSAR and was to continue seeing him for purported treatment. The Plaintiff continued to see NASSAR for treatment;
- d. Finally, in or around 2001, the Plaintiff refused to continue to see NASSAR for these abusive and invasive procedures. Defendant MSU then pressured and coerced the Plaintiff to declare herself medically inactive. The Plaintiff was shunned from the Defendant MSU sports program, and left Defendant MSU to return home to California.<sup>12</sup>

141. Despite her complaints to MSU employees, agents, and representatives, Jane T.T. Doe's concerns and allegations went unaddressed in violation of reporting policies and procedures and Title IX and in a manner that was reckless, deliberately indifferent, and grossly negligent.

142. Because MSU took no action to investigate the 1999 or 2000 complaints and took no corrective action, from 2000 to 2016, under the guise of treatment, Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe, Jane C. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane F. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane K. Doe, Jane M. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane O. Doe, Jane P. Doe, Jane R. Doe, Jane S. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe, Jane X. Doe, Jane Y. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.D. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.F. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.H. Doe, Jane A.I. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.N. Doe, Jane A.O. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.R. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.T. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, Jane A.V. Doe, Jane A.W. Doe, Jane A.X. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe., many of whom were minors, were also sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar by vaginal and anal digital

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<sup>12</sup> See, Case No. BC644417, filed with the Superior California Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, December 21, 2016, ¶26.

penetration, without the use of gloves or lubricant and by touching and groping their breasts.

143. In 2014, following receipt of an unrelated complaint regarding a sexual assault on Defendant MSU's campus, between 2014 and 2015 the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (hereinafter "OCR") conducted an investigation regarding the complainant's allegations, another complaint regarding sexual assault and retaliation from 2011, and Defendant MSU's response to said complaints, and their general policies, practices, and customs pertaining to their responsibilities under Title IX.<sup>13</sup>
144. The OCR concluded their investigation in 2015 and presented Defendant MSU with a twenty-one page agreement containing measures and requirements to resolve the 2011 and 2014 complaints and to bring Defendant MSU in compliance with Title IX.<sup>14</sup>
145. While the OCR was conducting their investigation, additional complaints regarding Defendant Nassar's conduct surfaced in 2014. The victim reported she had an appointment with Defendant Nassar to address hip pain and was sexually abused and molested by Defendant Nassar when he cupped her buttocks, massaged her breast and vaginal area, and he became sexually aroused.<sup>15</sup>
146. Upon information and belief, Defendant MSU investigated the 2014 complaints through

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<sup>13</sup> See, Letter from U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights to Michigan State University, September 1, 2015, OCR Docket #15-11-2098, #15-14-2113. Available at <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/press-releases/michigan-state-letter.pdf>, last accessed January 4, 2017.

<sup>14</sup> See, Resolution Agreement, August 28, 2015, OCR Document #15-11-2098, #15-14-2133. Available at, <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/press-releases/michigan-state-agreement.pdf>. Last accessed January 5, 2017.

<sup>15</sup> See, At MSU: Assault, harassment and secrecy. Matt Mencarini, December 15, 2016. Available at, <http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/2016/12/15/michigan-state-sexual-assault-harassment-larry-nassar/94993582/>. Last accessed January 5, 2017.

their Office of Institutional Equity.

147. However, the victim reported to Defendant MSU facts which were omitted or withheld from the investigative report including but not limited to the following :
- a. Defendant Nassar was sexually aroused while touching her;
  - b. The appointment with Defendant Nassar did not end until she physically removed his hands from her body.
148. Three months after initiating the investigation, in July 2014, the victim's complaints were dismissed and Defendant MSU determined she didn't understand the "nuanced difference" between sexual assault and an appropriate medical procedure and deemed Defendant Nassar's conduct "medically appropriate" and "Not of a sexual nature."<sup>16</sup>
149. Following the investigation, upon information and belief, Defendant Nassar became subject to new institutional guidelines, one of which – it is believed – was that Defendant Nassar was not to examine or treat patients alone.<sup>17</sup>
150. After receiving allegations of "athlete concerns," in approximately summer 2015 Defendant USAG relieved Defendant Nassar of his duties.<sup>18</sup>
151. At no time did Defendant USAG inform Defendants MSU, MSU Trustees, or other MSU representatives of the concerns that led to Defendant Nassar being relieved from his duties with Defendant USAG.
152. From July 2014 to September 2016, despite complaints about Nassar's conduct, Defendant MSU continued to permit Defendant Nassar unfettered access to female athletes without

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<sup>16</sup> *Id.*

<sup>17</sup> *Id.*

<sup>18</sup> *See*, Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of abuse, Mark Alesia, Marisa Kwiatkowski, Tim Evans, September 12, 2016. Available at, <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/2016/09/12/former-usa-gymnastics-doctor-accused-abuse/89995734/>. Last accessed, January 5, 2017.

adequate oversight or supervision to ensure he was complying with the new guidelines.

153. Plaintiffs were made aware of Defendant Nassar's widespread sexual abuse on or around September 12, 2016 or sometime thereafter through related media coverage.<sup>19</sup>

154. Defendant Nassar's employment ended with Defendant MSU on approximately September 20, 2016 only after the MSU Defendants became aware that:

a. Defendants Nassar and USAG were sued by a former Olympian who alleged she was sexually assaulted by Defendant Nassar;<sup>20</sup> and,

b. A former patient of Defendant Nassar, Plaintiff Rachel Denhollander, filed a criminal complaint with the Michigan State University Police Department alleging Defendant Nassar sexually assaulted her when she was 15 years old and seeking treatment for back pain as a result of gymnastics. Plaintiff Denhollander's allegations of sexual assault by Defendant Nassar included but were not limited to:

i. Massaging her genitals;

ii. Penetrating her vagina and anus with his finger and thumb; and,

iii. Unhooking her bra and massaging her breasts.<sup>21</sup>

155. In late November 2016, Defendant Nassar was arrested and charged in Ingham County, Michigan on three charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a person under 13, and was later released on \$1 million bond.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> *Id.*

<sup>20</sup> *See*, Case No. 34-2016-00200075, filed with the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Sacramento, September 8, 2016. A copy of the Complaint is available at <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3106054-JANE-JD-COMPLAINT-Signed.html>. Last accessed, January 5, 2017.

<sup>21</sup> *See*, Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of abuse, Mark Alesia, Marisa Kwiatkowski, Tim Evans, September 12, 2016. Available at, <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/2016/09/12/former-usa-gymnastics-doctor-accused-abuse/89995734/>. Last accessed, January 5, 2017.

<sup>22</sup> State of Michigan, Ingham County Circuit Court Case No. 1603031.



156. In mid-December 2016, Defendant Nassar was indicted, arrested, and charged in Federal Court in Grand Rapids, Michigan on charges of possession of child pornography and receipt/attempted receipt of child pornography.
157. According to the federal indictment,<sup>23</sup> Defendant Nassar:
- a. Knowingly received and attempted to receive child pornography between approximately September 18, 2004 and December 1, 2004;
  - b. Knowingly possessed thousands of images of child pornography between approximately February 6, 2003 and September 20, 2016 including images involving a minor who had not attained 12 years of age.
158. On February 17, 2017, at a preliminary examination, Defendant Nassar was ordered to stand trial on three charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a person under 13 in Ingham County following testimony which included, among others, allegations of digital vaginal penetration at Defendant Nassar's residence.
159. On February 22, 2017, Defendant Nassar was arraigned on 22 counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a person under 13 years old, and 14 counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct with a person under the age of 13 years old in Ingham County, Michigan<sup>24</sup> and Eaton County, Michigan.<sup>25</sup>
160. Plaintiff Denhollander is among the victims identified in the most recent state criminal

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<sup>23</sup> 1:16-cr-00242 PageID.1-4.

<sup>24</sup> *State v. Nassar*, Ingham County District Court Case No. 17-00425, *see also*, [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Nassar\\_affidavit\\_Ingham\\_County\\_charges\\_Feb.2017\\_552531\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Nassar_affidavit_Ingham_County_charges_Feb.2017_552531_7.pdf)

<sup>25</sup> *State v. Nassar*, Eaton County District Court Case No. 17-0318, *see also*, [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Nassar\\_affidavit\\_Eaton\\_County\\_charges\\_Feb.2017\\_552536\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Nassar_affidavit_Eaton_County_charges_Feb.2017_552536_7.pdf)

charges.<sup>26</sup>

161. To the best of Plaintiffs' knowledge, Defendant Nassar is in federal custody pending the child pornography criminal charges.

**V. SPECIFIC FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

**A. RACHAEL DENHOLLANDER**

162. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

163. Plaintiff Rachael Denhollander<sup>27</sup> treated with Dr. Nassar at his office at MSU in 2000.

164. In 2000, Plaintiff Denhollander was a minor, 15 years old.

165. Plaintiff Denhollander presented to Dr. Nassar with complaints of injuries to her wrists and back suffered through gymnastics.

166. On approximately five separate occasions, at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Denhollander's vagina and anus with his finger and thumb without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant (on some occasions) under the guise of performing "treatment."

167. On at least one occasion Defendant Nassar removed Plaintiff Denhollander's clothing from the waist down and draped Plaintiff with a towel without any warning and without asking permission.

168. Defendant Nassar also massaged Plaintiff Denhollander's genitals.

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<sup>26</sup> Although the sexual assault victims are not identified by name in the affidavits hyperlinked above, Plaintiff Denhollander has publicly identified herself as one of the victims. *See*, "Victim C" in Michigan State Dr. Larry Nassar case glad to see criminal charges, available at [http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2017/02/victim\\_c\\_in\\_michigan\\_state\\_dr.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2017/02/victim_c_in_michigan_state_dr.html), last accessed March 1, 2017.

<sup>27</sup> Referred to as Jane D.R. Doe in Exhibit 1.

169. Defendant Nassar also touched Plaintiff Denhollander's breasts without permission by unhooking her bra and massaging one of her breasts. On at least one occasion when he finished massaging Plaintiff Denhollander's breast he rehooked her bra himself.
170. On at least one occasion at an appointment, Plaintiff Denhollander witnessed Defendant Nassar sexually aroused.
171. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Denhollander.
172. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration or to touch Plaintiff Denhollander's vagina, anus, or breasts.
173. Plaintiff Denhollander did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for issues related to obstetrics or gynecology (hereinafter "OB/GYN").
174. Plaintiff Denhollander believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.
175. After reviewing a media report regarding Defendant USAG's failure to report sexual abuse,<sup>28</sup> in or around late August 2016 or early September 2016, Plaintiff Denhollander made a complaint with Defendant MSU's Police Department.

**B. JANE A. DOE BY NEXT FRIEND JANE B. DOE**

176. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
177. Plaintiff Jane A. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU from

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<sup>28</sup> A blind eye to sex abuse: How USA Gymnastics failed to report cases, Marisa Kwiatkowski, Mark Alesia, Tim Evans, August 4, 2016. Available at <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/investigations/2016/08/04/usa-gymnastics-sex-abuse-protected-coaches/85829732/>. Last accessed January 5, 2017.

approximately 2011 to 2014.

178. From 2011 to 2014, Plaintiff Jane A. Doe was a minor, approximately 12 to 15 years old.
179. Plaintiff Jane A. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of back pain as a result of gymnastics.
180. In 2014 at an appointment at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A. Doe's vagina multiple times without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.
181. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiffs Jane A. Doe or Jane B. Doe.
182. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A. Doe, Jane B. Doe, or Jane A. Doe's father.
183. Plaintiff's medical records regarding her visits with Dr. Nassar are completely devoid of any reference to any type of intra-vaginal procedure.
184. Plaintiff Jane A. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
185. Following the September 12, 2016 publication of a story regarding a complaint filed with Defendant MSU's Police Department titled "Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of Abuse," (included as part of Exhibit 1) Plaintiff Jane A. Doe made a complaint to MSU's Office of Institutional Equity.
186. Plaintiffs Jane A. Doe and Jane B. Doe believe the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**C. JANE C. DOE**

187. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

188. Plaintiff Jane C. Doe was a student athlete at the University of Michigan from approximately 1998 to 2001.
189. Plaintiff treated with Dr. Nassar in 2001, 2011, and 2012 at his office at MSU.
190. Plaintiff Jane C. Doe presented to Dr. Nassar with complaints of back pain suffered through her participation in field hockey.
191. On approximately four separate occasions, at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane C. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant and put an excessive amount of pressure on her labia and vaginal area without gloves or lubricant.
192. Defendant Nassar would put his hands under Plaintiff Jane C. Doe's underwear and push her underwear to the side to digitally penetrate Plaintiff Jane C. Doe's vagina.
193. Defendant Nassar also touched her breasts without permission.
194. Defendant Nassar would put his hands under Plaintiff Jane C. Doe's sports bra to touch her breasts.
195. In 2011, another medical professional was in the room and asked Dr. Nassar where his hand was while he was digitally penetrating Plaintiff Jane C. Doe. Dr. Nassar allegedly said something the Plaintiff did not understand, dismissed the medical professional from the room and continued to digitally penetrate Plaintiff Jane C. Doe.
196. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane C. Doe.
197. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration or to touch Plaintiff Jane C. Doe's vagina or breasts.
198. Plaintiff Jane C. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

199. Plaintiff Jane C. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**D. JANE D. DOE**

200. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

201. Plaintiff Jane D. Doe treated with Dr. Nassar between approximately 2004 and 2007 at his office at MSU.

202. From 2004 to 2007, Plaintiff Jane D. Doe was a minor, approximately 12 to 15 years old.

203. Plaintiff Jane D. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of lower back pain as a result of old and new fractures suffered as a result of gymnastics.

204. On approximately eight separate occasions at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane D. Doe's vagina and anus without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for several minutes at a time. The assaults would sometimes last up to 30 minutes.

205. Defendant Nassar would put his hands under Plaintiff Jane D. Doe's spandex shorts to digitally penetrate Plaintiff Jane D. Doe's vagina and anus.

206. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane D. Doe.

207. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane D. Doe or from Jane D. Doe's parents even though she was a minor at the time.

208. Plaintiff Jane D. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

209. Plaintiff Jane D. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

210. As a result of the sexual assault, abuse, and molestation Plaintiff Jane D. Doe suffered severe urinary tract infections, vaginal bleeding, and bleeding while urinating.

**E. JANE E. DOE**

211. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

212. Plaintiff Jane E. Doe treated with Dr. Nassar between approximately 2006 and 2007 at his office at MSU.

213. From 2006 to 2007, Plaintiff Jane E. Doe was a minor, approximately 14 years old.

214. Plaintiff Jane E. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of back pain caused by fractures suffered as a result of gymnastics.

215. On approximately six separate occasions at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane E. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves for several minutes at a time.

216. Defendant Nassar required Plaintiff Jane E. Doe to change into breakaway shorts with Velcro on the side, began massaging her back, and then put his hand under the shorts to digitally penetrate her vagina.

217. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane E. Doe.

218. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane E. Doe or from Jane E. Doe's parents even though she was a minor at the time.

219. Plaintiff Jane E. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

220. Plaintiff Jane E. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**F. JANE F. DOE**

221. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
222. Plaintiff Jane F. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar in approximately 2004 at his office at MSU.
223. In 2004, Defendant Jane F. Doe was a minor, approximately 16 and 17 years old.
224. Plaintiff Jane F. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of back pain caused by her participation on basketball and soccer teams.
225. On one occasion at a medical appointment at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar touched Plaintiff Jane F. Doe's vagina and/or vaginal area without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for several minutes at a time.
226. Defendant Nassar also requested and required Plaintiff to re-dress while he was in the room.
227. Defendant Nassar also grabbed Plaintiff Jane F. Doe's breast with his bare hand for several minutes at a time.
228. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane F. Doe.
229. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent to touch Plaintiff Jane F. Doe's vagina, vaginal area, or breasts from Jane F. Doe or Jane F. Doe's parents even though she was a minor at the time.
230. Plaintiff Jane F. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
231. Plaintiff Jane F. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.



232. Plaintiff Jane F. Doe reported Defendant Nassar's conduct to her parents and to local law enforcement, Meridian Township Police in 2004.

233. Plaintiff did not return for additional treatment following her complaints.

**G. JANE G. DOE**

234. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

235. Plaintiff Jane G. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately 1999 to 2003 at his office at MSU.

236. From 1999 to 2003, Plaintiff Jane G. Doe was a minor, approximately 14 to 17 years old.

237. Plaintiff Jane G. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of low back pain caused by gymnastics.

238. On several occasions between 1999 and 2003, at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane G. Doe's vagina and anus without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.

239. On at least one occasion at a USAG sanctioned event which took place at Defendant Twistars USA Inc.'s facility, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane G. Doe's vagina without gloves or lubricant.

240. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane G. Doe.

241. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane G. Doe or from Jane G. Doe's parents even though she was a minor at the time.

242. Plaintiff Jane G. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

243. Plaintiff Jane G. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse,

and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

244. Following the September 12, 2016 publication of a story regarding a complaint filed with Defendant MSU's Police Department titled "Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of Abuse," (included as part of Exhibit 1) Plaintiff Jane G. Doe made a complaint to Defendant MSU's Police Department.

**H. JANE H. DOE**

245. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

246. Plaintiff Jane H. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar in 1998.

247. In 1998, Plaintiff Jane H. Doe was a minor, 16 years old.

248. Plaintiff Jane H. Doe presented to Defendant with complaints of pain from a torn hamstring and fractured ischium caused by gymnastics.

249. On one occasion at a medical appointment at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane H. Doe's anus without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for several minutes.

250. At the appointment, Plaintiff was not permitted to sign in at the front desk and was brought to an examination by Defendant Nassar.

251. During the sexual assault, at 16 years old, only Plaintiff Jane H. Doe and Defendant Nassar were in the examination room. There was no chaperone.

252. Defendant Nassar explained his conduct as a "new procedure" which involved vaginal penetration to Plaintiff Jane H. Doe.

253. Defendant Nassar did not discuss anal penetration with Plaintiff Jane H. Doe.

254. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for anal penetration from

Plaintiff Jane H. Doe or for vaginal or anal digital penetration from Plaintiff Jane H. Doe's parents even though she was a minor at the time.

255. Plaintiff Jane H. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

256. Following the September 12, 2016 publication of a story regarding a complaint filed with Defendant MSU's Police Department titled "Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of Abuse," (included as part of Exhibit 1) Plaintiff Jane H. Doe made a complaint to Defendant MSU's Police Department.

257. Plaintiff Jane H. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**I. JANE J. DOE**

258. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

259. Plaintiff Jane J. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar in 2005 and 2006 at his office at MSU and at Defendant Twistars' facility.

260. In 2005 and 2006 Plaintiff Jane J. Doe was a minor, approximately 16 years old to 17 years old.

261. Plaintiff Jane J. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of back pain caused by gymnastics.

262. On at least two separate occasions during appointments at his office at MSU and on at least one occasion at Defendant Twistars' facility at a USAG sanctioned event, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane J. Doe's vagina and anus without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.

263. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical

procedure to Plaintiff Jane J. Doe.

264. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane J. Doe or from Jane J. Doe's parents even though she was a minor at the time.

265. Plaintiff Jane J. Doe requested her medical records, however Defendant MSU could not locate a paper chart documenting all of her appointments with Defendant Nassar. The records Defendant MSU did produce were completely devoid of any reference to any type of intra-vaginal procedure.

266. Plaintiff Jane J. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

267. Plaintiff Jane J. Doe was also sexually assaulted by Defendant Nassar in the same manner described above at Twistars Gymnastics Club.

268. As a result of Defendant Nassar's sexual assault, abuse, and molestation, Plaintiff Jane J. Doe developed a bacterial infection.

269. Following the September 12, 2016 publication of a story regarding a complaint filed with Defendant MSU's Police Department titled "Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of Abuse," (included as part of Exhibit 1) Plaintiff Jane J. Doe made a complaint to Defendant MSU's Police Department.

270. Plaintiff Jane J. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**J. JANE K. DOE BY NEXT FRIEND JANE L. DOE**

271. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

272. Plaintiff Jane K. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU in approximately 2014 and 2016.

273. In 2014 and 2016, Plaintiff Jane K. Doe was a minor, approximately 13 and 14 years old.
274. Plaintiff presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of hamstring pain as a result of gymnastics.
275. On approximately two or three occasions at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane K. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant, from 10 to 15 minutes at a time.
276. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane K. Doe, Jane L. Doe, or Jane K. Doe's father.
277. Plaintiff Jane K. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
278. At an appointment in approximately April 2016, during an examination he pulled Jane K. Doe's shorts to the side and viewed her vagina and vaginal area.
279. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiffs Jane K. Doe or Jane L. Doe.
280. It is believed some of the aforementioned sexual assaults occurred after the MSU Defendants were notified in 2014 of allegations of sexual abuse by Dr. Nassar during "treatments" with athletes.
281. Following the September 12, 2016 publication of a story regarding a complaint filed with Defendant MSU's Police Department titled "Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of Abuse," (included as part of Exhibit 1) Plaintiff Jane K. Doe made a complaint with Defendant MSU's Police Department.
282. Plaintiffs Jane K. Doe and Jane L. Doe believe the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**K. JANE M. DOE**

283. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
284. Plaintiff Jane M. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately 1999 to 2002.
285. From 1999 to 2000, Plaintiff Jane M. Doe was a minor, approximately 14 to 16 years old.
286. Plaintiff Jane M. Doe presented to Defendant with complaints of low back pain caused by gymnastics.
287. On more than one occasion at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane M. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.
288. Defendant Nassar would also touch Plaintiff Jane M. Doe's vaginal area through her clothes.
289. Defendant Nassar would ask Plaintiff Jane M. Doe to wear baggy shorts and put his hands under Plaintiff Jane M. Doe's shorts to digitally penetrate her vagina or touch her vaginal area.
290. Defendant Nassar would also put his hand under Plaintiff Jane M. Doe's shirt under the guise of "checking her sternum" and would touch her breasts.
291. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane M. Doe.
292. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane M. Doe or from Jane M. Doe's parents even though she was a minor at the time.
293. Plaintiff Jane M. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
294. Plaintiff Jane M. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse,

and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**L. JANE N. DOE**

295. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
296. Plaintiff Jane N. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar in approximately 2002.
297. Plaintiff Jane N. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of back pain caused by gymnastics.
298. On more than one occasion at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane N. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for several minutes at a time.
299. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane N. Doe.
300. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane N. Doe.
301. Plaintiff Jane N. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
302. Following the September 12, 2016 publication of a story regarding a complaint filed with Defendant MSU's Police Department titled "Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of Abuse," (included as part of Exhibit 1) Plaintiff Jane N. Doe made a complaint to Defendant MSU's Police Department.
303. Plaintiff Jane N. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**M. JANE O. DOE**

304. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous

paragraphs.

305. Plaintiff Jane O. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately 2000 to 2008.

306. From 2000 to 2006, Plaintiff Jane O. Doe was a minor, approximately 11 to 17.

307. Plaintiff Jane O. Doe presented to Defendant with complaints of injury to her hip, back, knees, ankles, wrists, and ribs caused by figure skating.

308. On more than one occasion at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar moved his hands under Plaintiff Jane O. Doe's underwear and digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane O. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for up to 15 minutes at a time.

309. Defendant Nassar also touched Plaintiff's breast without permission on more than one occasion with his bare hand, once asking her if she had ever had a breast exam.

310. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane O. Doe.

311. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane O. Doe or from Jane O. Doe's parents even though she was a minor at the time.

312. Plaintiff Jane O. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

313. Following the September 12, 2016 publication of a story regarding a complaint filed with Defendant MSU's Police Department titled "Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of Abuse," (included as part of Exhibit 1) Plaintiff Jane O. Doe made a complaint to Defendant MSU's Police Department.

314. Plaintiff Jane O. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.



**N. JANE P. DOE BY NEXT FRIEND JANE Q. DOE**

315. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
316. Plaintiff Jane P. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU in 2011.
317. In 2011, Plaintiff Jane P. Doe was a minor, 11 years old.
318. Plaintiff Jane P. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of injuries to her back as a result of gymnastics.
319. On approximately five to six separate occasions at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane P. Doe's vagina and anus without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.
320. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiffs Jane P. Doe or Jane Q. Doe.
321. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane P. Doe, Jane Q. Doe, or Jane P. Doe's father.
322. Plaintiff Jane P. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
323. Plaintiffs Jane P. Doe and Jane Q. Doe believe the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.
324. Following the September 12, 2016 publication of a story regarding a complaint filed with Defendant MSU's Police Department titled "Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of Abuse," (included as part of Exhibit 1) Plaintiff Jane Q. Doe made a complaint to Defendant MSU's Police Department.

**O. JANE R. DOE**

325. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous

paragraphs.

326. Plaintiff Jane R. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately 2007 to 2008.

327. From 2007 to 2008, Plaintiff Jane R. Doe was a minor, approximately 14 to 15 years old.

328. Plaintiff Jane R. Doe presented to Defendant with complaints of back pain caused by swimming.

329. On several occasions at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane R. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves, and other than one occasion, without lubricant, for several minutes at a time.

330. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane R. Doe.

331. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane R. Doe or from Jane R. Doe's parents even though she was a minor at the time.

332. Plaintiff Jane R. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

333. Following the September 12, 2016 publication of a story regarding a complaint filed with Defendant MSU's Police Department titled "Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of Abuse," (included as part of Exhibit 1) Plaintiff Jane R. Doe made a complaint to Defendant MSU's Police Department.

334. Plaintiff Jane R. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**P. JANE S. DOE BY NEXT FRIEND JANE T. DOE**

335. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

336. Plaintiff Jane S. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU from

approximately 2009 to 2014.

337. From 2009 to 2014, Plaintiff Jane S. Doe was a minor, approximately 9 to 14 years old.
338. Plaintiff Jane S. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of back pain and heel pain as a result of gymnastics.
339. On more than one occasion at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane S. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.
340. Plaintiff Jane S. Doe was also sexually assaulted by Defendant Nassar in the same manner described above at Twistars USA, Inc. in or around 2009.
341. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiffs Jane S. Doe or Jane T. Doe.
342. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane S. Doe, Jane T. Doe, or Jane S. Doe's father.
343. Plaintiff Jane S. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
344. It is believed some of the aforementioned sexual assaults occurred after the MSU Defendants were notified in 2014 of allegations of sexual abuse by Dr. Nassar during "treatments" with athletes.
345. Plaintiffs Jane S. Doe and Jane T. Doe believe the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**Q. JANE U. DOE**

346. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
347. Plaintiff Jane U. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately 2002 to 2011.

348. From 2002 to 2011, Plaintiff Jane U. Doe was a minor, approximately 9 to 17 years old.
349. Plaintiff Jane U. Doe presented to Defendant with complaints of hip, tailbone, elbow pain caused by gymnastics.
350. On several occasions at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane U. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.
351. Plaintiff Jane U. Doe would undress to her underwear with a towel and Defendant Nassar would put his hand in her underwear and digitally penetrate Plaintiff Jane U. Doe's vagina.
352. Plaintiff Jane U. Doe believes she had approximately 50 appointments with Dr. Nassar from 2002 to 2011.
353. Defendant Nassar told Plaintiff Jane U. Doe he performed the same "treatment" on Olympic athletes.
354. Defendant Nassar also touched Plaintiff Jane U. Doe's breasts without permission, on some occasions touching her over her sports bra, at other times under her sports bra, and at other times telling her to take her sports bra off.
355. On one occasion, Defendant Nassar made inappropriate comments regarding his former girlfriends while digitally penetrating Plaintiff Jane U. Doe.
356. On one occasion Plaintiff Jane U. Doe was assaulted at Defendant Nassar's home in his basement.
357. Defendant Nassar also touched Plaintiff Jane U. Doe's breasts indicating he was attempting to manipulate Plaintiff Jane U. Doe's ribs, although she had no pain or injury to her rib area.
358. During some sexual assaults at MSU, only Plaintiff Jane U. Doe and Defendant Nassar

were in the examination room. There was no chaperone.

359. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as “treatment” as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane U. Doe.

360. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane U. Doe or from Jane U. Doe’s parents even though she was a minor at the time.

361. Plaintiff Jane U. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

362. Plaintiff Jane U. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar’s pleasure and self-gratification.

**R. JANE V. DOE BY NEXT FRIEND JANE W. DOE**

363. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

364. Plaintiff Jane V. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU and other locations from approximately 2015 to 2016.

365. From 2015 to 2016, Plaintiff Jane V. Doe was a minor, approximately 12 years old.

366. Plaintiff Jane V. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of low back pain as a result of gymnastics.

367. On more than one occasion, approximately 20 to 30 times, at appointments at his office at MSU and other locations, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane V. Doe’s vagina and anus without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.

368. Defendant Nassar would close his eyes and keep them closed while digitally penetrating Plaintiff Jane V. Doe and on some occasions his face seemed flushed.

369. Plaintiff Jane W. Doe, the mother of Plaintiff Jane V. Doe, observed Defendant Nassar sexually aroused on more than one occasion at appointments at his office at MSU with Jane

V. Doe.

370. Defendant Nassar invited Jane V. Doe and Jane W. Doe to his home multiple times, yet they declined his invitations.
371. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as “treatment” as a medical procedure to Plaintiffs Jane V. Doe or Jane W. Doe.
372. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane V. Doe, Jane W. Doe, or Jane V. Doe’s father.
373. Plaintiff Jane V. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
374. It is believed all of the aforementioned sexual assaults occurred after the MSU Defendants were notified in 2014 of allegations of sexual abuse by Dr. Nassar during “treatments” with athletes.
375. Plaintiffs Jane V. Doe and Jane W. Doe believe the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar’s pleasure and self-gratification.

**S. JANE X. DOE**

376. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
377. Plaintiff Jane X. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar in 1999 as a student athlete at Michigan State University.
378. Plaintiff Jane X. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of pain in her hamstring caused by track and field and cross-country.
379. Plaintiff Jane X. Doe was referred to Defendant Nassar by MSU trainers and training staff.
380. On more than one occasion at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar

digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane X. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.

381. Defendant Nassar used his hand to stimulate Plaintiff Jane X. Doe's vagina before digitally penetrating her vagina.

382. In approximately 1999, Plaintiff Jane X. Doe complained to MSU trainers and a MSU Coach who were employees, representatives, and agents of MSU and who had a duty to report allegations of sexual assault and abuse about Defendant Nassar's conduct and was told that he was an "Olympic doctor" and that Defendant Nassar "knew what he was doing."

383. It is believed no investigation was initiated given Jane X. Doe's complaints to MSU representatives nor was any corrective action taken, exposing Jane X. Doe and others to continued assaults.

384. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane X. Doe.

385. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane X. Doe.

386. Plaintiff Jane X. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

387. Plaintiff Jane X. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**T. JANE Y. DOE BY NEXT FRIEND JANE Z. DOE**

388. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

389. Plaintiff Jane Y. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU from

approximately 2009 to 2014.

390. From 2011 to 2014, Plaintiff Jane Y. Doe was a minor, approximately 12 to 15 years old.
391. Plaintiff Jane Y. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of back pain, tight hamstrings and legs, and elbow, foot and ankle injuries as a result of gymnastics.
392. On approximately four occasions at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane Y. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.
393. On approximately four occasions, Defendant Nassar pulled Plaintiff Jane Y. Doe's leotard up, massaged up her hamstrings to her buttocks and then penetrated her vagina.
394. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiffs Jane Y. Doe or Jane Z. Doe.
395. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane Y. Doe, Jane Z. Doe, or Jane Y. Doe's father.
396. Plaintiff Jane Z. Doe, the mother of Plaintiff Jane Y. Doe, observed Defendant Nassar sexually aroused on more than one occasion at appointments at his office at MSU with Jane Y. Doe.
397. Plaintiff Jane Y. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
398. Plaintiffs Jane Y. Doe and Jane Z. Doe believe the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**U. JANE A.A. DOE<sup>29</sup>**

399. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous

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<sup>29</sup> Plaintiff A.A. Doe originally sought to proceed by Next Friend Jane A.B. Doe due to her age, but recently reached the age of majority.



paragraphs.

400. Plaintiff Jane A.A. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU, at USAG sanctioned events, and at the Karolyi Ranch in Texas, from approximately 2012 to 2016.
401. From 2012 to 2016, Plaintiff Jane A.A. Doe was a minor, approximately 13 to 17 years old.
402. Plaintiff Jane A.A. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of low back pain and hamstring pain as a result of gymnastics.
403. On more than one occasion at appointments at his office at MSU, at USAG sanctioned events, and at the Karolyi Ranch in Texas, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.A. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.
404. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.A. Doe or Jane A.B. Doe.
405. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Plaintiff Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.B. Doe, or Jane A.A. Doe's father.
406. Plaintiff Jane A.A. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
407. Jane A.B. Doe recently reported Defendant Nassar's conduct to the MSU Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
408. Plaintiff Jane A.A. Doe and Jane A.B. Doe believe the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**V. JANE A.C. DOE**

409. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

410. Plaintiff Jane A.C. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU and USAG sanctioned meets sponsored by Defendant Twistars from approximately 1999 to 2003.

411. From 1999 to 2003, Plaintiff Jane A.C. Doe was a minor, approximately 14 to 17 years old.

412. Plaintiff Jane A.C. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of low back pain, shin fractures, and associated pain as a result of gymnastics as well as injuries suffered in a motor vehicle accident.

413. On more than one occasion, between approximately 8 and 10 times, at appointments at his office at MSU and at USAG sanctioned meets sponsored by Defendant Twistars, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.C. Doe's vagina and anus without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.

414. Defendant Nassar referred to his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a pelvic adjustment to Plaintiff Jane A.C. Doe.

415. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.C. Doe, or Jane A.C. Doe's parents as she was a minor at the time.

416. Plaintiff Jane A.C. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

417. Plaintiff Jane A.C. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**W. JANE A.D. DOE**

418. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

419. Plaintiff Jane A.D. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU between approximately 2000 and 2001.

420. From 2000 to 2001, Plaintiff Jane A.D. Doe was a minor, approximately 14 years old.

421. Plaintiff Jane A.D. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of low back pain as a result of gymnastics.

422. On one occasion at an appointment at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.D. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for between 20 to 25 minutes at a time.

423. During the visits Plaintiff Jane A.D. Doe's mother was in the room and Defendant Nassar would position himself in a manner in which Plaintiff Jane A.D. Doe's mother could not see Defendant Nassar's conduct.

424. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.D. Doe, or Jane A.D. Doe's parents as she was a minor at the time.

425. Plaintiff Jane A.D. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

426. Following the September 12, 2016 publication of a story regarding a complaint filed with Defendant MSU's Police Department titled "Former USA Gymnastics doctor accused of Abuse," (included as part of Exhibit 1) Plaintiff Jane A.D. Doe made a complaint to Defendant MSU's Police Department.

427. Plaintiff Jane A.D. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**X. JANE A.E. DOE**

428. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

429. Plaintiff Jane A.E. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar in approximately 1999 and between 2010 and 2012.

430. In 1999, Plaintiff Jane A.E. Doe was a minor, approximately 16 years old.
431. Plaintiff Jane A.E. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of low back pain as a result of gymnastics at a USAG National Championship meet in Sacramento, California.
432. At the USAG National Championship meet, on at least two occasions, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.E. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.
433. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.E. Doe, or Jane A.E. Doe's parents as she was a minor at the time.
434. Between 2010 and 2012, Plaintiff Jane A.E. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of calf pain.
435. Between 2010 and 2012, on a monthly basis at his office at MSU, on approximately twenty or more occasions, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.E. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.
436. Defendant Nassar made comments and jokes about oral sex while digitally penetrating Plaintiff Jane A.E. Doe's vagina.
437. On one occasion for treatment of her calf, Defendant Nassar examined Plaintiff Jane A.E. Doe in a supply room at MSU at a late appointment, examined Plaintiff's Jane A.E. Doe's rectum, abruptly left the room, and returned twenty minutes later without comment or explanation.
438. Plaintiff Jane A.E. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
439. Plaintiff Jane A.E. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**Y. JANE A.F. DOE**

440. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
441. Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU between approximately 2003 and 2005 during the time she was a high school cross country and soccer athlete.
442. From 2003 to 2005, Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe was a minor, approximately 15 to 16 years old.
443. Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of low back pain unrelated to sport activity.
444. During the first couple appointments, Nassar had his hands near and around her groin, hips, buttocks, and back, but did not touch her vagina.
445. However, on several occasions at later appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar touched Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe's vaginal area and digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for thirty seconds to one minute at a time.
446. Defendant Nassar diagnosed Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe with a stress fracture, however, such diagnosis cannot be found in medical records provided by the MSU Defendants to Plaintiff, and in multiple places in the medical records regarding Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe's back, the records read "there is no evidence for fracture," yet the digital vaginal penetration continued.
447. On at least one occasion, Defendant Nassar massaged Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe's breasts touching the sides of her breasts with his fingertips. Plaintiff wondered what massaging her breast had to do with healing a stress fracture in her back.

448. Defendant Nassar instructed Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe to wear shorts to the appointments and if she did not, he provided her with a pair of loose-fitting shorts to change into.
449. During the visits, Defendant Nassar would position himself in a manner in which Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe's mother could not see his conduct.
450. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.F. Doe, or Jane A.F. Doe's parents as she was a minor at the time.
451. Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
452. In late December 2016, Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe made a complaint to Defendant MSU's Police Department.
453. Plaintiff Jane A.F. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**Z. JANE A.G. DOE**

454. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
455. Plaintiff Jane A.G. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU from approximately 1999 to 2016.
456. From 1999 to 2006, Plaintiff Jane A.G. Doe was a minor, approximately 11 to 17 years old.
457. Plaintiff Jane A.G. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of hip pain, pelvic and groin pain, back pain and foot pain as a result of a broken foot due to gymnastics and cheerleading.
458. On over approximately 30 separate occasions, at appointments at his office at MSU Defendant Nassar touched Plaintiff Jane A.G. Doe's vaginal and rectal area and digitally

penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.G. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for five to fifteen minutes at a time.

459. At times Defendant Nassar used his arm to massage against Plaintiff Jane A.G. Doe's vagina while digitally penetrating her vagina in an aggressive manner.

460. At times Defendant Nassar would tap or spank Jane A.G. Doe's buttocks toward the end of appointments and make inappropriate comments about her buttocks.

461. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.G. Doe.

462. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.G. Doe, or Jane A.G. Doe's parents as she was a minor at the time.

463. Plaintiff Jane A.G. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar as an MSU student athlete on the competitive cheerleading team.

464. Plaintiff Jane A.G. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

465. Plaintiff Jane A.G. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**AA. JANE A.H. DOE**

466. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

467. Plaintiff Jane A.H. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar his at office at MSU from approximately 2009 to 2012.

468. Plaintiff Jane A.H. Doe initially as a minor, presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of rib pain in 2009.

469. Defendant Nassar, while "treating" Plaintiff for rib pain, on numerous occasions touched

and fondled Plaintiff's breasts without permission by reaching under her bra, massaging both of her breasts.

470. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.H. Doe.

471. Plaintiff A.H. Doe was a student athlete at Hillsdale College in the State of Michigan from approximately 2011 to 2016.

472. From approximately August of 2011 through March of 2012 Plaintiff Jane A.H. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of back pain suffered through her participation in basketball.

473. On approximately three separate occasions at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.H. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for over eight minutes at a time under the guise of performing "treatment."

474. Defendant Nassar would pull Plaintiff Jane A.H. Doe's underwear down to digitally penetrate Plaintiff Jane A.H. Doe's vagina.

475. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.H. Doe.

476. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration or to touch Plaintiff Jane A.H. Doe's vagina or breasts.

477. Plaintiff A.H. Doe did not treat or intend to treat Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

478. Plaintiff A.H. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and gratification.



**BB. JANE A.I. DOE**

479. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
480. Plaintiff Jane A.I. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU from approximately August of 2011 to December of 2011. Plaintiff Jane A.I. Doe was referred to Defendant Nassar by the parents of Jane A.H. Doe.
481. Plaintiff A.I. Doe was a student athlete at Hillsdale College in the State of Michigan from approximately 2011 to 2015.
482. From approximately August of 2011 through December 2011 Plaintiff Jane A.I. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of back pain suffered through her participation in basketball.
483. On approximately six separate occasions at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.I. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for over eight minutes at a time under the guise of performing "treatment."
484. Defendant Nassar would pull Plaintiff Jane A.I. Doe's underwear down to digitally penetrate Plaintiff Jane A.I. Doe's vagina.
485. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.I. Doe.
486. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration or to touch Plaintiff Jane A.I. Doe's vagina.
487. Plaintiff A.I. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
488. Plaintiff A.I. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse and

molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and gratification.

**CC. JANE A.K. DOE**

489. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
490. Plaintiff Jane A.K. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar at his office at MSU from approximately 2001 to 2008.
491. From 2001 to 2007, Plaintiff Jane A.K. Doe was a minor, 11 years old to 17 years old.
492. Plaintiff Jane A.K. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of knee pain and general back pain as a result of gymnastics.
493. On one occasion, in approximately 2006 when Plaintiff was approximately 16 years old, Defendant Nassar asked Plaintiff Jane A.K. Doe if she shaved her vaginal area.
494. In 2008, Plaintiff was a student at MSU, participating in club gymnastics.
495. On at least one occasion in 2008 at an appointment at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.K. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for up to approximately five to fifteen minutes at a time.
496. On the occasion in 2008 described above, Plaintiff Jane A.K. Doe's mother was in the room, however, Defendant Nassar positioned himself in a manner in which Plaintiff Jane A.K. Doe's mother could not see his conduct.
497. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.K. Doe.
498. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.K. Doe.
499. Plaintiff Jane A.K. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

500. Plaintiff Jane A.K. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**DD. JANE A.L. DOE**

501. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

502. Plaintiff Jane A.L. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from 2013 to 2014.

503. From 2013 to 2014, Plaintiff was a minor, 15 years old.

504. Plaintiff Jane A.L. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of back pain and wrist pain as a result of gymnastics.

505. On at least three occasions at appointments at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.L. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for up to twenty minutes at a time multiple times during the same appointment.

506. One on occasion, Plaintiff Jane A.L. Doe used a tampon to prevent Defendant Nassar from digitally penetrating her vagina. Defendant Nassar attempted to digitally penetrate her vagina, felt the tampon, and consequently stopped.

507. During the visits Plaintiff Jane A.L. Doe's father was in the room and Defendant Nassar would position himself in a manner in which Plaintiff Jane A.L. Doe's father could not see Defendant Nassar's conduct.

508. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.L. Doe.

509. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.L. Doe, or Jane A.L. Doe's parents as she was a minor at the time.

510. Plaintiff Jane A.L. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

511. Plaintiff Jane A.L. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**EE. JANE A.M. DOE**

512. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

513. Plaintiff Jane A.M. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar in approximately 1998 or 1999.

514. In 1998 or 1999, Plaintiff Jane A.M. Doe was a minor, 16 or 17 years old.

515. Plaintiff Jane A.M. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of low back pain as a result of gymnastics.

516. On one occasion at an appointment at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.M. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves.

517. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.M. Doe.

518. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.M. Doe, or Jane A.M. Doe's parents as she was a minor at the time.

519. Plaintiff Jane A.M. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

520. Plaintiff Jane A.M. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**FF. JANE A.N. DOE**

521. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

522. Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately March 2010 to June 2015.

523. From 2010 to 2011, Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe was a minor, 16 to 17 years old.
524. Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar with complaints of low back pain as a result of track and field.
525. Defendant Nassar gave her gifts such as an Olympic sweatshirt and an Olympic pin.
526. On several occasions, approximately more than 48 times, at various locations including his office at MSU, the athletic training room at the Jenison Field House, and Defendant Nassar's home, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for up to twenty minutes at a time, multiple times during the same appointment.
527. On at least one occasion, Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe observed Defendant Nassar sexually aroused while he was digitally penetrating Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe's vagina.
528. At times Defendant Nassar would tap or spank Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe's buttocks and tell her to "flip over" during appointments.
529. Defendant Nassar would pull up her spandex shorts in order to digitally penetrate Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe's vagina.
530. On one occasion, Defendant Nassar told Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe her left side ribs were "out of alignment" and put his hand under Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe's sports bra and massaged her left breast for approximately three to five minutes.
531. On one occasion in approximately May 2014, Defendant Nassar set up an appointment with Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe by text message and told her to come to his home. Defendant Nassar had an examination table set up in his backyard and digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe's vagina.

532. Defendant Nassar frequently made comments about Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe's buttocks and told her she had a "cheerleader butt."
533. Defendant Nassar also made comments regarding Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe's pubic hair near her vagina and buttocks and told her treatment would work better if she shaved.
534. Plaintiff also treated with Defendant Nassar while attending MSU as a track and field athlete.
535. Defendant Nassar gave Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe his cellular telephone number and instructed her to text him anytime she needed anything.
536. Defendant Nassar told Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe that she was saved in his phone as "Superfreak."
537. For a period of time in or around 2013, Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe was seeing Defendant Nassar weekly due to low back pain. Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe would text him and Defendant Nassar would instruct her to come in telling her he would "squeeze her in at the end of his clinic."
538. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe.
539. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.N. Doe, or Jane A.N. Doe's parents during the time she was a minor.
540. Some of the sexual assaults occurred after the MSU Defendants were notified in 2014 of allegations of sexual abuse by Dr. Nassar during "treatments" with athletes.
541. Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
542. On February 2, 2017, Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe made a complaint to Defendant MSU's Police Department.

543. Plaintiff Jane A.N. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**GG. JANE A.O. DOE**

544. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

545. Plaintiff Jane A O. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar in approximately 2002.

546. In 2002, Plaintiff Jane A.O. Doe was a minor, 14 years old.

547. Plaintiff A.O. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar for low back pain and tailbone pain as a result of gymnastics.

548. On at least two occasions at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar touched Plaintiff A.O. Doe's vaginal and rectal area without gloves, and digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.O. Doe's vagina at least twice without gloves and without lubricant.

549. At the time of the first assault, Defendant Nassar had her lay on her stomach. She was shocked when without any warning or advanced notice Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated her vagina.

550. Following her first appointment, Defendant Nassar requested that Plaintiff A.O. Doe wear shorts or a leotard to her subsequent appointments.

551. During one of the assaults, Plaintiff Jane A.O. Doe's mother was trying to see what Defendant Nassar was doing, but Defendant Nassar moved around to block her view.

552. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.O. Doe.

553. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent to touch Plaintiff Jane A.O. Doe's vaginal or rectal area, or for vaginal penetration from Jane A.O. Doe, or Jane A.O.

Doe's parents as she was a minor at the time.

554. Plaintiff Jane A.O. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

555. Plaintiff Jane A.O. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**HH. JANE A.Q. DOE**

556. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

557. Plaintiff Jane A.Q. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately 1997 to 2003, and 2013.

558. From 1997 to 2003, Plaintiff Jane A.Q. Doe was a minor, 12 to 17 years old.

559. Throughout high school, Plaintiff A.Q. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar for general back pain as a result of gymnastics.

560. On several occasions between 1997 and 2003, and on at least two occasions in 2013, at his office at MSU and at gymnastics meets held throughout Michigan, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.Q. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.

561. During some visits at MSU, Plaintiff Jane A.Q. Doe's father was present and Defendant Nassar would position himself in a manner in which Plaintiff Jane A.Q. Doe's father could not see Defendant Nassar's conduct.

562. At the gymnastics meets, Defendant Nassar would take Plaintiff Jane A.Q. Doe to a secluded location, away from others attending the meet, and would digitally penetrate Plaintiff Jane A.Q. Doe's vagina while no other individual was present.

563. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical



procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.Q. Doe.

564. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.Q. Doe, or Jane A.Q. Doe's parents as she was a minor at the time.

565. Plaintiff Jane A.Q. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

566. Plaintiff Jane A.Q. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

## **II. JANE A.R. DOE**

567. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

568. Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately 2006 to 2013.

569. From 2006 to 2008, Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe was a minor, 15 to 17 years old.

570. Plaintiff A.R. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar for back pain caused by recreational sports.

571. On at least 20 occasions between 2006 and 2013 at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves for several minutes at a time.

572. Defendant Nassar required Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe to change into breakaway shorts with Velcro on the side and would put his hands under the shorts to digitally penetrate her vagina.

573. One on occasion at an appointment when Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe's mother was not present, Defendant Nassar touched Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe's breasts.

574. Defendant Nassar said he was going to do "myofascial release" and a "sports massage" that involved "different techniques" to Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe, but never explained that

any “treatment” would involve digital penetration of her vagina.

575. After penetration by Defendant Nassar, Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe experienced bleeding and soreness.

576. Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe stopped seeing Defendant Nassar after she stopped competing in collegiate sports.

577. Since treating with Defendant Nassar, Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe has had other treatments for low back pain by therapists and there has never been vaginal penetration.

578. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.R. Doe, or Jane A.R. Doe’s parents as she was a minor at the time.

579. Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

580. Plaintiff Jane A.R. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar’s pleasure and self-gratification.

**JJ. JANE A.S. DOE**

581. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

582. Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately 2005 to 2014 or 2015.

583. From 2005 to 2013, Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe was a minor, 10 to 17 years old.

584. Plaintiff A.S. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar for back pain caused by gymnastics.

585. On multiple occasions, between 2005 to 2014 or 2015, at various locations including but not limited to his office at MSU and Defendant Nassar’s residence, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe’s vagina and anus without prior notice and without gloves for several minutes at a time.

586. When Plaintiff visited Defendant Nassar’s home, he gave her gifts including an Olympic jacket.

587. On one occasion, Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe’s mother observed Defendant Nassar “treating” Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe and asked him what he was doing. Defendant Nassar gave an explanation she did not understand. He did not explain that he was using vaginal or anal penetration.

588. On that same occasion, Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe’s mother stood up and moved to attempt to see what Defendant Nassar was doing and Defendant Nassar moved to block her view.

589. On another occasion, Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe’s mother observed Defendant Nassar touching different parts of Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe’s body including her feet and legs and asked him why he wasn’t using gloves. Defendant Nassar did not provide an explanation and was dismissive of her question.

590. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.S. Doe, or Jane A.S. Doe’s parents as she was a minor at the time.

591. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as “treatment” as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe or Jane A.S. Doe’s parents.

592. Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

593. Plaintiff Jane A.S. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar’s pleasure and self-gratification.

**KK. JANE A.T. DOE**

594. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

595. Plaintiff Jane A.T. Doe was a student athlete at MSU from approximately 2001 to 2005.

596. Plaintiff Jane A.T. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately 2001 to 2003.
597. Plaintiff A.T. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar for low back pain caused by tennis.
598. On approximately two to three occasions, between approximately 2001 and 2003 in training rooms in the Jenison Fieldhouse and Duffy Daugherty building on MSU's campus, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.T. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves for between five to ten minutes or more at a time.
599. No one other than Defendant Nassar and Plaintiff Jane A.T. Doe was present in the room at the times of the digital penetration.
600. The digital penetration took her by surprise and was very uncomfortable.
601. On one occasion, Plaintiff Jane A.T. Doe observed Defendant Nassar breathing heavily while digitally penetrating her vagina.
602. On that same occasion, a trainer knocked on the door and opened it and Defendant Nassar jumped up from his stool and walked away from Plaintiff Jane A.T. Doe who was lying on a training table.
603. Plaintiff Jane A.T. Doe's observations of Defendant Nassar's heavy breathing and response when the trainer walked in prompted her to request that Defendant Nassar refrain from any additional "intravaginal treatment."
604. In response to Plaintiff Jane A.T. Doe's request, Defendant Nassar bashfully and awkwardly put his head down, said something along the lines of "okay," and quickly changed the conversation.
605. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.T. Doe.
606. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical

procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.T. Doe.

607. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.T. Doe.

608. Plaintiff Jane A.T. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

609. Plaintiff Jane A.T. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**LL. JANE A.U. DOE**

610. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

611. Plaintiff Jane A.U. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately 1997 to 2006.

612. From 1997 to 2003 Plaintiff A.U. Doe was a minor, 13 to 17 years old.

613. Plaintiff Jane A.U. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar for low back pain and knee pain caused by gymnastics.

614. On approximately two to three occasions, in approximately 1997 and 1998 at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.U. Doe's vagina without prior notice and without gloves for approximately one to two minutes at a time.

615. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.U. Doe or Jane A.U. Doe's parents as she was a minor at the time.

616. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.U. Doe or Jane A.U. Doe's parents.

617. Plaintiff Jane A.U. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

618. Plaintiff Jane A.U. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**MM. JANE A.V. DOE**

619. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

620. Plaintiff Jane A.V. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately 1997 to 2006.

621. In 2003, Plaintiff Jane A.V. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar for low back pain caused by gymnastics.

622. While competing in collegiate gymnastics at a university in Michigan, on approximately one occasion in 2003 at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.V. Doe's vagina without prior notice, lubricant, or gloves.

623. Defendant Nassar had Plaintiff Jane A.V. Doe lay down to try to recreate the pain she was experiencing, and then he digitally penetrated her vagina without notice or explanation.

624. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.V. Doe.

625. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.V. Doe.

626. Plaintiff Jane A.V. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

627. Plaintiff Jane A.V. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**NN. JANE A.W. DOE**

628. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

629. Plaintiff Jane A.W. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar in approximately 2002.

630. In 2002, Plaintiff Jane A.W. Doe was a minor, 15 to 16 years old.

631. Plaintiff Jane A.W. Doe was a ballet dancer, but presented to Defendant Nassar for low back pain and knee pain sustained in a motor vehicle collision.
632. On approximately two to three occasions in 2002 at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.W. Doe's vagina and anus without prior notice, gloves, or lubricant for up to five minutes at a time.
633. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as "treatment" as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane W. Doe or Jane W. Doe's parents.
634. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Jane A.W. Doe or Jane A.W. Doe's parents as Jane A.W. Doe was a minor at the time.
635. Plaintiff Jane A.W. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
636. Plaintiff Jane A.W. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar's pleasure and self-gratification.

**OO. JANE A.X. DOE**

637. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
638. Plaintiff Jane A.X. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar in approximately 2003.
639. In 2003, Plaintiff Jane A.X. Doe was a minor, 15 years old.
640. Plaintiff Jane A.X. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar for low back pain and knee pain as a result of track and field.
641. On one occasion in 2003 at his office at MSU, Defendant Nassar touched Plaintiff Jane A.X. Doe's vagina and vaginal area with his fingers and thumbs in a manner in which it seemed he was trying to stimulate her sexually. He laid her on her back placing his hands on her thigh doing stretches. He then placed his hands on the inside of her thighs and

proceeded upward until his thumbs were touching and rubbing against her vagina. Defendant Nassar then asked her to lay on her stomach. He again touched the inside of her thigh and moved upward rubbing against her vagina. All of this was done without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant for between approximately two to three minutes at a time.

642. Defendant Nassar explained his conduct as “stretching her muscles” to Plaintiff Jane A.X. Doe.

643. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent to touch Plaintiff Jane A.X. Doe’s vagina or vaginal area from Jane A.X. Doe or Jane A.X. Doe’s parents as Jane A.X. Doe was a minor at the time.

644. Plaintiff Jane A.X. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.

645. Plaintiff Jane A.X. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar’s pleasure and self-gratification.

**PP. JANE A.Y. DOE**

646. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

647. Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe treated with Defendant Nassar from approximately 1994 to 2001.

648. From 1994 to 2001, Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe was a minor, 9 to 15 years old.

649. Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe presented to Defendant Nassar for back pain as a result of gymnastics.

650. Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe first met Defendant Nassar at a gymnastics meet.

651. For a period of time, Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe saw Defendant Nassar weekly at his office at MSU.



652. On multiple occasions, at his office at MSU Defendant Nassar digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe’s vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.
653. On one occasion, when Plaintiff was not competing but attending a meet as a spectator at Twistars, she “treated” with Dr. Nassar and on that occasion he digitally penetrated Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe’s vagina without prior notice and without gloves or lubricant.
654. Defendant Nassar did not explain his conduct disguised as “treatment” as a medical procedure to Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe or Jane A.Y. Doe’s parents.
655. Defendant Nassar did not give prior notice or obtain consent for digital penetration from Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe or Jane A.Y. Doe’s parents as Jane A.Y. Doe was a minor at the time.
656. Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe did not treat or intend to treat with Dr. Nassar for OB/GYN issues.
657. Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe believes the conduct by Defendant Nassar was sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and for Defendant Nassar’s pleasure and self-gratification.

**VI. CLAIMS AGAINST MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DEFENDANTS**

**A. COUNT ONE**

**VIOLATIONS OF TITLE IX**  
**20 U.S.C. §1681(a), et seq.**  
**DEFENDANTS MSU, MSU TRUSTEES**

658. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
659. Title IX’s statutory language states, “No *person* in the United States shall on the basis of sex, be ... subject to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal

financial assistance ...”<sup>30</sup>

660. Plaintiffs are “persons” under the Title IX statutory language.
661. Defendant MSU receives federal financial assistance for its education program and is therefore subject to the provisions of Title IX of the Education Act of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681(a), *et seq.*
662. Defendant MSU is required under Title IX to investigate allegations of sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment.
663. The U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights has explained that Title IX covers all programs of a school, and extends to sexual harassment and assault by employees, students and third parties.<sup>31</sup>
664. Defendant Nassar’s actions and conduct were carried out under one of Defendant MSU programs, which provides medical treatment to students, athletes, and the public.
665. Defendant Nassar’s conduct and actions toward Plaintiffs, that being nonconsensual digital vaginal and anal penetration, touching of Plaintiffs vaginal area, and touching of Plaintiffs breasts constitutes sex discrimination under Title IX.
666. As early as 1999 and/or 2000, an “appropriate person” at Defendant MSU had actual knowledge of the sexual assault, abuse, and molestation committed by Defendant Nassar.
667. Specifically, the MSU Defendants were notified about Defendant Nassar’s sexual abuse and molestation by Jane X. Doe in or around 1999 and by Jane T.T. Doe in 2000 on more than one occasion.

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<sup>30</sup> U.S. Dept. of Ed., Office of Civil Rights, Dear Colleague Letter: Sexual Violence, April 4, 2011, n. 11 (“Title IX also protects third parties from sexual harassment or violence in a school’s education programs and activities.”). Available at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201104.pdf>. Last accessed, January 5, 2017.

<sup>31</sup> Cite OCR guidance that says this.

668. The MSU Defendants failed to carry out their duties to investigate and take corrective action under Title IX following Jane X. Doe and Jane T.T. Doe’s complaints of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation in or around 1999 and/or 2000.
669. The MSU Defendants were notified again in 2014 of Defendant Nassar’s conduct when a victim reported she had an appointment with Defendant Nassar to address hip pain and was sexually abused and molested by Defendant Nassar when he cupped her buttocks, massaged her breast and vaginal area, and he became sexually aroused.<sup>32</sup>
670. The victim reported to Defendant MSU facts which were omitted or withheld from the investigative report including but not limited to the following:
- a. Defendant Nassar was sexually aroused while touching her;
  - b. The appointment with Defendant Nassar did not end until she physically removed his hands from her body.
671. Three months after initiating an investigation, in July 2014, the victim’s complaints were dismissed and Defendant MSU determined she didn’t understand the “nuanced difference” between sexual assault and an appropriate medical procedure and deemed Defendant Nassar’s conduct “medically appropriate” and “Not of a sexual nature.”<sup>33</sup>
672. Following the investigation, upon information and belief, Defendant Nassar became subject to new institutional guidelines, one of which – it is believed – was that Defendant Nassar was not to examine or treat patients alone.<sup>34</sup>
673. The MSU Defendants failed to adequately supervise or otherwise ensure Defendant Nassar

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<sup>32</sup> See, At MSU: Assault, harassment and secrecy. Matt Mencarini, December 15, 2016. Available at <http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/2016/12/15/michigan-state-sexual-assault-harassment-larry-nassar/94993582/>, last accessed January 5, 2017.

<sup>33</sup> *Id.*

<sup>34</sup> *Id.*

complied with the newly imposed institutional guidelines even though the MSU Defendants had actual knowledge Nassar posed a substantial risk of additional sexual abuse of females whom he had unfettered access.

674. After the 2014 complaints Defendant Nassar continued to sexually assault, abuse, and molest individuals, including but not limited to Plaintiffs Jane A. Doe, Jane K. Doe, Jane S. Doe, and Jane V. Doe.

675. The MSU Defendants acted with deliberate indifference to known acts of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation on its premises by:

- a. failing to investigate and address Jane X. Doe and Jane T.T. Doe's allegations as required by Title IX;
- b. failing to adequately investigate and address the 2014 complaint regarding Defendant Nassar's conduct; and,
- c. failing to institute corrective measures to prevent Defendant Nassar from violating and sexually abusing other students and individuals, including minors.

676. The MSU Defendants acted with deliberate indifference as its lack of response to the allegations of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation was clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances, Defendant Nassar's actions with female athletes, and his access to young girls and young women.

677. The MSU Defendants' deliberate indifference was confirmed by the Department of Education's investigation into Defendant MSU's handling of sexual assault and relationship violence allegations which revealed:

- a. A sexually hostile environment existed and affected numerous students and staff on Defendant MSU's campus;

b. That the University's failure to address complaints of sexual harassment, including sexual violence in a prompt and equitable manner caused and may have contributed to a continuation of the sexually hostile environment.<sup>35</sup>

678. The MSU Defendants' responses were clearly unreasonable as Defendant Nassar continued to sexually assault female athletes and other individuals until he was discharged from the University in 2016.

679. Between the dates of approximately 1996 and 2016, the MSU Defendants acted in a deliberate, grossly negligent, and/or reckless manner when they failed to reasonably respond to Defendant Nassar's sexual assaults and sex-based harassment of Plaintiffs on and off school premises.

680. The MSU Defendants' failure to promptly and appropriately investigate and remedy and respond to the sexual assaults after they received notice subjected Plaintiffs to further harassment and a sexually hostile environment, effectively denying them all access to educational opportunities at MSU, including medical care.

681. As a direct and/or proximate result of the MSU Defendants' actions and/or inactions, Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning

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<sup>35</sup> See, Letter from U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights to Michigan State University, September 1, 2015, OCR Docket #15-11-2098, #15-14-2113. Available at <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/press-releases/michigan-state-letter.pdf>, last accessed January 4, 2017.

capacity.

**B. COUNT TWO**

**VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS**

**42 U.S.C. § 1983**

**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST THE MSU DEFENDANTS, DEFENDANT NASSAR**

682. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
683. Plaintiffs, as females, are members of a protected class under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
684. Plaintiffs enjoy the constitutionally protected Due Process right to be free from the invasion of bodily integrity through sexual assault, abuse, or molestation.
685. At all relevant times, Defendants MSU, MSU Trustees, and Nassar were acting under color of law, to wit, under color of statutes, ordinances, regulations, policies, customs, and usages of the State of Michigan and/or Defendant Michigan State University.
686. The acts as alleged above amount to a violation of these clearly established constitutionally protected rights, of which reasonable persons in the MSU Defendants' positions should have known.
687. The MSU Defendants have the ultimate responsibility and authority to train and supervise its employees, agents, and/or representatives, in the appropriate manner of detecting, reporting, and preventing sexual abuse, assault, and molestation and as a matter of acts, custom, policy, and/or practice, failed to do so with deliberate indifference.'
688. As a matter of custom, policy, and and/or practice, the MSU Defendants had and have the ultimate responsibility and authority to investigate complaints against their employees, agents, and representatives from all individuals including, but not limited to students, visitors, faculty,

staff, or other employees, agents, and/or representatives, and failed to do so with deliberate indifference.

689. The MSU Defendants had a duty to prevent sexual assault, abuse, and molestation on their campus and premises, that duty arising under the above-referenced constitutional rights, as well as established rights pursuant to Title IX.

690. Defendant MSU's internal policies provide that "[a]ll University employees ... are expected to promptly report sexual misconduct or relationship violence that they observe or learn about and that involves a member of the University community (faculty, staff or student) or occurred at a University event or on University property." They state further: "[t]he employee must report all relevant details about the alleged relationship violence or sexual misconduct that occurred on campus or at a campus-sponsored event. .. "

691. Defendant MSU's aforementioned internal policies were violated in or around 1999 when Jane X. Doe reported sexual assault, abuse, and molestation by Defendant Nassar to MSU representatives including trainers and a coach and no action was taken to address her complaints.

692. Defendant MSU's aforementioned internal policies were violated in 2000 when Jane T.T. Doe reported sexual assault, abuse, and molestation by Defendant Nassar to MSU representatives including trainers and no action was taken to address her complaints.

693. The MSU Defendants' failure to address Jane X. Doe and Jane T.T. Doe's complaints led to an unknown number of individuals being victimized, sexually assaulted, abused, and molested by Defendant Nassar.

694. Additionally, the MSU Defendant's failure to properly address the 2014 complaint regarding Defendant Nassar's conduct also led to others being victimized, sexually assaulted, abused

and molested by Defendant Nassar.

695. Ultimately, Defendants failed to adequately and properly investigate the complaints of Plaintiffs or other similarly-situated individuals including but not limited to failing to:

- a. perform a thorough investigation into improper conduct by Defendant Nassar with Plaintiffs after receiving complaints in 1999 and 2000;
- b. thoroughly review and investigate all policies, practices, procedures and training materials related to the circumstances surrounding the conduct of Defendant Nassar;
- c. recognize sexual assault when reported in 2014 and permitting University officials to deem sexual assault as “medically appropriate” and “not of a sexual nature;” and,
- d. ensure all institutional guidelines issued following the 2014 investigation into Defendant Nassar’s conduct were satisfied.

696. As indicated in the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights report,<sup>36</sup> the MSU Defendants had a culture that permitted a sexually hostile environment to exist affecting numerous individuals on Defendant MSU’s campus, including Plaintiffs.

697. Also indicated in the report was Defendant MSU’s custom, practice, and/or policy of failing to address complaints of sexual harassment, including sexual violence in a prompt and equitable manner which caused and may have contributed to a continuation of the sexually hostile environment.

698. By failing to prevent the aforementioned sexual assault, abuse, and molestation upon

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<sup>36</sup> See, Letter from U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights to Michigan State University, September 1, 2015, OCR Docket #15-11-2098, #15-14-2113. Available at <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/press-releases/michigan-state-letter.pdf>, last accessed January 4, 2017.



Plaintiffs, and by failing to appropriately respond to reports of Defendant Nassar's sexual assault, abuse, and molestation in a manner that was so clearly unreasonable it amounted to deliberate indifference, the MSU Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983.

699. The MSU Defendants are also liable to Plaintiffs under 42 U.S.C. §1983 for maintaining customs, policies, and practices which deprived Plaintiffs of rights secured by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution in violation of 42 U.S.C. §1983.

700. The MSU Defendants tolerated, authorized and/or permitted a custom, policy, practice or procedure of insufficient supervision and failed to adequately screen, counsel, or discipline Defendant Nassar, with the result that Defendant Nassar was allowed to violate the rights of persons such as Plaintiffs with impunity.

701. As a direct and/or proximate result of the MSU Defendants' actions and/or inactions, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**C. COUNT THREE**

**FAILURE TO TRAIN AND SUPERVISE**

**42 U.S.C. § 1983**

**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST THE MSU DEFENDANTS**

702. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

703. The MSU Defendants have the ultimate responsibility and authority to train and supervise its

employees, agents, and/or representatives including Defendant Nassar and all faculty and staff regarding their duties toward students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

704. The MSU Defendants failed to train and supervise its employees, agents, and/or representatives including all faculty and staff, regarding the following duties:
- a. Perceive, report, and stop inappropriate sexual conduct on campus;
  - b. Provide diligent supervision over student-athletes and other individuals;
  - c. Report suspected incidents of sexual abuse or sexual assault;
  - d. Ensure the safety of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to Defendant MSU's campuses premises;
  - e. Provide a safe environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to Defendant MSU's premises free from sexual harassment; and,
  - f. Properly train faculty and staff to be aware of their individual responsibility for creating and maintaining a safe environment.
705. The above list of duties is not exhaustive.
706. The MSU Defendants failed to adequately train coaches, trainers, medical staff, and others regarding the aforementioned duties which led to violations of Plaintiffs' rights.
707. As a result, the MSU Defendants deprived Plaintiffs of rights secured by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution in violation of 42 U.S.C. §1983.
708. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendants' actions and/or inactions, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing

Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**D. COUNT FOUR**

**GROSS NEGLIGENCE**  
**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST THE MSU DEFENDANTS**  
**AND DEFENDANT NASSAR**

709. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
710. The MSU Defendants owed Plaintiffs a duty to use due care to ensure their safety and freedom from sexual assault, abuse, and molestation while interacting with their employees, representatives, and/or agents, including Defendant Nassar.
711. Defendant Nassar owed Plaintiffs a duty of due care in carrying out medical treatment as an employee, agent, and/or representative of the MSU Defendants.
712. By seeking medical treatment from Defendant Nassar in the course of his employment, agency, and/or representation of the MSU Defendants, a special, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between Plaintiffs and Defendant Nassar was created, resulting in Defendant Nassar owing Plaintiffs a duty to use due care.
713. The MSU Defendants' failure to adequately supervise Defendant Nassar, especially after MSU knew or should have known of complaints regarding his nonconsensual sexual touching and assaults during "treatments" was so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury would result to Plaintiffs.
714. Defendant Nassar's conduct in sexually assaulting, abusing, and molesting Plaintiffs in the course of his employment, agency, and/or representation of the MSU Defendants and under the guise of rendering "medical treatment" was so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial

lack of concern for whether an injury would result to Plaintiffs.

715. The MSU Defendants' conduct demonstrated a willful disregard for precautions to ensure Plaintiffs' safety.
716. The MSU Defendants' conduct as described above, demonstrated a willful disregard for substantial risks to Plaintiffs.
717. The MSU Defendants breached duties owed to Plaintiffs and were grossly negligent when they conducted themselves by the actions described above, said acts having been committed with reckless disregard for Plaintiffs' health, safety, Constitutional and/or statutory rights, and with a substantial lack of concern as to whether an injury would result.
718. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendants' actions and/or inactions, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**E. COUNT FIVE**

**NEGLIGENCE**  
**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST THE MSU DEFENDANTS**  
**AND DEFENDANT NASSAR**

719. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
720. The MSU Defendants owed Plaintiffs a duty of ordinary care to ensure their safety and freedom from sexual assault, abuse, and molestation while interacting with their employees,

representatives and/or agents.

721. By seeking medical treatment from Defendant Nassar in his capacity as an employee, agent, and/or representative of the MSU Defendants, a special, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between Plaintiffs and Defendant Nassar was created, resulting in Defendant Nassar owing Plaintiffs a duty to use ordinary care.
722. Defendant Nassar owed Plaintiffs a duty of ordinary care.
723. The MSU Defendants' failure to adequately train and supervise Defendant Nassar breached the duty of ordinary care.
724. The MSU Defendants had notice through its own employees, agents, and/or representatives as early as 1999, again in 2000, and again in 2014 of complaints of a sexual nature related to Defendant Nassar's purported "treatments" with young girls and women.
725. The MSU Defendants should have known of the foreseeability of sexual abuse with respect to youth and collegiate sports.
726. The MSU Defendants' failure to properly investigate, address, and remedy complaints regarding Defendant Nassar's conduct was a breach of ordinary care.
727. Defendant Nassar's conduct in sexually assaulting, abusing, and molesting Plaintiffs in the course of his employment, agency, and/or representation of the MSU Defendants was a breach of the duty to use ordinary care.
728. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendants' conduct, actions and/or inactions, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented

from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**F. COUNT SIX**

**VICARIOUS LIABILITY**  
**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST THE MSU DEFENDANTS**

729. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
730. Vicarious liability is indirect responsibility imposed by operation of law where an employer is bound to keep its employees within their proper bounds and is responsible if it fails to do so.
731. Vicarious liability essentially creates agency between the principal and its agent, so that the principal is held to have done what the agent has done.
732. The MSU Defendants employed and/or held Defendant Nassar out to be its agent and/or representative from approximately 1996 to 2016.
733. Defendant MSU's website contains hundreds of pages portraying Defendant Nassar as a distinguished member of Defendant MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine, Division of Sports Medicine.<sup>37</sup>
734. The MSU Defendants are vicariously liable for the actions of Defendant Nassar as described above that were performed during the course of his employment, representation, and/or agency with the MSU Defendants and while he had unfettered access to young female athletes on MSU's campus and premises through its College of Osteopathic Medicine and Division of Sports Medicine.

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<sup>37</sup> As of January 5, 2017, using the search term "Nassar" at [www.msu.edu](http://www.msu.edu) returns 402 results, the majority of which include references to Defendant Nassar dating as far back as 1997.

735. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant Nassar's actions carried out in the course of his employment, agency, and/or representation of the MSU Defendants, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**G. COUNT SEVEN**

**EXPRESS/IMPLIED AGENCY**  
**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST MSU DEFENDANTS**

736. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

737. An agent is a person who is authorized by another to act on its behalf.

738. The MSU Defendants intentionally or negligently made representations that Defendant Nassar was their employee, agent, and/or representative.

739. On the basis of those representations, Plaintiffs reasonably believed that Defendant Nassar was acting as an employee, agent, and/or representative of the MSU Defendants.

740. Plaintiffs were injured as a result of Defendant Nassar's sexual assault, abuse, and molestation as described above, acts that were performed during the course of his employment, agency, and/or representation with the MSU Defendants and while he had unfettered access to young female athletes.

741. Plaintiffs were injured because they relied on the MSU Defendants to provide employees, agents, and or representatives who would exercise reasonable skill and care.

742. As a direct and/or proximate cause of Defendant Nassar's negligence carried out in the course of his employment, agency, and/or representative of the MSU Defendants, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**H. COUNT EIGHT**

**NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION**  
**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST THE MSU DEFENDANTS**

743. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

744. The MSU Defendants had a duty to provide reasonable supervision of their employee, agent, and/or representative, Defendant Nassar, while he was in the course of his employment, agency or representation with the MSU Defendants and while he interacted with young female athletes including Plaintiffs.

745. It was reasonably foreseeable given the known sexual abuse in youth sports and gymnastics in particular that Defendant Nassar who had prior allegations against him had or would sexually abuse children, including Plaintiffs, unless properly supervised.

746. The MSU Defendants by and through their employees, agents, managers and/or assigns, such as President Simon, President McPherson, Dean Strampel or Dr. Kovan knew or reasonably should have known of Defendant Nassar's conduct and/or that Defendant



Nassar was an unfit employee, agent, and/or representative because of his sexual interest in children.

747. The MSU Defendants breached their duty to provide reasonable supervision of Defendant Nassar, and permitted Defendant Nassar, who was in a position of trust and authority, to commit the acts against Plaintiffs.
748. The aforementioned sexual abuse occurred while Plaintiffs and Defendant Nassar were on the premises of Defendant MSU, and while Defendant Nassar was acting in the course of his employment, agency, and/or representation of the MSU Defendants.
749. The MSU Defendants tolerated, authorized and/or permitted a custom, policy, practice or procedure of insufficient supervision and failed to adequately screen, counsel, or discipline such individuals, with the result that Defendant Nassar was allowed to violate the rights of persons such as Plaintiffs with impunity.
750. As a direct and/or proximate result of the MSU Defendants' negligent supervision, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**I. COUNT NINE**

**NEGLIGENT FAILURE TO WARN OR PROTECT  
ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST THE MSU DEFENDANTS**

751. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

752. The MSU Defendants knew or should have known that Defendant Nassar posed a risk of harm to Plaintiffs or those in Plaintiffs' situation.
753. As early as 1999, the MSU Defendants had direct and/or constructive knowledge as to the dangerous conduct of Defendant Nassar and failed to act reasonably and responsibly in response.
754. The MSU Defendants knew or should have known Defendant Nassar committed sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and/or was continuing to engage in such conduct.
755. The MSU Defendants had a duty to warn or protect Plaintiffs and others in Plaintiffs' situation against the risk of injury by Defendant Nassar.
756. The duty to disclose this information arose by the special, trusting, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between Defendant Nassar as an employee, agent, and or representative of the MSU Defendants and Plaintiffs.
757. The MSU Defendants breached said duty by failing to warn Plaintiffs and/or by failing to take reasonable steps to protect Plaintiffs from Defendant Nassar.
758. The MSU Defendants breached its duties to protect Plaintiffs by failing to:
- a. respond to allegations of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation;
  - b. detect and/or uncover evidence of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation; and,
  - c. investigate, adjudicate, and terminate Defendant Nassar's employment with Defendant MSU prior to 2016.
759. The MSU Defendants failed to adequately screen, counsel and/or discipline Defendant Nassar for physical and/or mental conditions that might have rendered him unfit to discharge the duties and responsibilities of a physician at an educational institution, resulting in violations of Plaintiffs' rights.

760. The MSU Defendants willfully refused to notify, give adequate warning, and implement appropriate safeguards to protect Plaintiffs from Defendant Nassar's conduct.

761. As a direct and/or proximate result of the MSU Defendants negligent failure to warn or protect, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**J. COUNT TEN**

**NEGLIGENT FAILURE TO TRAIN OR EDUCATE**  
**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST THE MSU DEFENDANTS**

762. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

763. The MSU Defendants breached their duty to take reasonable protective measures to protect Plaintiffs and other minors from the risk of childhood sexual abuse and/or sexual assault by Defendant Nassar, such as the failure to properly train or educate Plaintiffs and other individuals (including minors) about how to avoid such a risk.

764. The MSU Defendants failed to implement reasonable safeguards to:

- a. Prevent acts of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation by Defendant Nassar;
- b. Avoid placing Defendant Nassar in positions where he would be in unsupervised contact and interaction with Plaintiffs and other young athletes.

765. As a direct and/or proximate result of the MSU Defendants' negligent failure to train or

educate, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**K. COUNT ELEVEN**

**NEGLIGENT RETENTION**  
**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST THE MSU DEFENDANTS**

766. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
767. The MSU Defendants had a duty when credentialing, hiring, retaining, screening, checking, regulating, monitoring, and supervising employees, agents and/or representatives to exercise due care, but they failed to do so.
768. The MSU Defendants were negligent in the retention of Defendant Nassar as an employee, agent, and/or representative in their failure to adequately investigate, report and address complaints about his conduct of which they knew or should have known.
769. The MSU Defendants were negligent in the retention of Defendant Nassar as an employee, agent, and/or representative when after they discovered, or reasonably should have discovered Defendant Nassar's conduct which reflected a propensity for sexual misconduct.
770. The MSU Defendants' failure to act in accordance with the standard of care resulted in Defendant Nassar gaining access to and sexually abusing and/or sexually assaulting

Plaintiffs and an unknown number of other individuals.

771. The aforementioned negligence in the credentialing, hiring, retaining, screening, checking, regulating, monitoring, and supervising of Defendant Nassar created a foreseeable risk of harm to Plaintiffs as well as other minors and young adults.
772. As a direct and/or proximate result of the MSU Defendants' negligent retention, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life; were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**L. COUNT TWELVE**

**INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**  
**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST THE MSU DEFENDANTS**

773. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
774. The MSU Defendants allowed Defendant Nassar to be in a position where he could sexually assault, abuse, and molest children and young adults.
775. A reasonable person would not expect the MSU Defendants to tolerate or permit their employee or agent to carry out sexual assault, abuse, or molestation after they knew or should have known of complaints and claims of sexual assault and abuse occurring during Defendant Nassar's "treatments."
776. The MSU Defendants held Defendant Nassar in high esteem and acclaim which in turn encouraged Plaintiffs and others to respect and trust Defendant Nassar and seek out his

services and to not question his methods or motives.

777. The MSU Defendants protected Defendant Nassar in part to bolster and sustain his national and international reputation in the gymnastics community.
778. A reasonable person would not expect the MSU Defendants to be incapable of supervising Defendant Nassar and/or preventing Defendant Nassar from committing acts of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation.
779. The MSU Defendants' conduct as described above was intentional and/or reckless.
780. As a direct and/or proximate result of the MSU Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**M. COUNT THIRTEEN**

**FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION**  
**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST MSU DEFENDANTS**

781. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
782. From approximately 1996 to September 2016, the MSU Defendants represented to Plaintiffs and the public that Defendant Nassar was a competent and safe physician.
783. By representing that Defendant Nassar was a team physician and athletic physician at Defendant MSU and a National Team Physician with Defendant USAG, the MSU Defendants represented to Plaintiffs and the public that Defendant Nassar was safe, trustworthy, of high

moral and ethical repute, and that Plaintiffs and the public need not worry about being harmed by Defendant Nassar.

784. The representations were false when they were made as Defendant Nassar had and was continuing to sexually assault, abuse, and molest Plaintiffs and an unknown number of other individuals.

785. As of 1999 and 2000, the MSU Defendants knew their representations of Defendant Nassar were false as Jane X. Doe and Jane T.T. Doe had complained of Defendant Nassar's conduct to MSU representatives.

786. Although MSU was informed of Defendant Nassar's conduct they failed to investigate, remedy, or in any way address Jane X. Doe or Jane T.T. Doe's complaints.

787. The MSU Defendants continued to hold Defendant Nassar out as a competent and safe physician.

788. Additional complaints against Defendant Nassar surfaced in 2014, however, because of Defendant MSU's culture which included existence of a sexually hostile environment on Defendant MSU's campus and premises and the University's failure to address complaints of sexual harassment, including sexual violence in a prompt and equitable manner which in turn caused and may have contributed to a continuation of the sexually hostile environment, Defendant Nassar was permitted to continue employment and sexually abuse, assault, and molest Plaintiffs and an unknown number of other individuals.<sup>38</sup>

789. Between the time of the 2014 complaint and September 2016, the MSU Defendants continued

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<sup>38</sup> See, Letter from U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights to Michigan State University, September 1, 2015, OCR Docket #15-11-2098, #15-14-2113. Available at <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/press-releases/michigan-state-letter.pdf>, last accessed January 4, 2017.

to hold Defendant Nassar out as a competent and safe physician.

790. Plaintiffs relied on the assertions of the MSU Defendants and several Plaintiffs continued to seek treatment from Defendant Nassar in the wake of known concerns and dangers.

791. Plaintiffs were subjected to sexual assault, abuse, and molestation as a result of the MSU Defendants' fraudulent misrepresentations regarding Defendant Nassar.

792. As a direct and/or proximate result of the MSU Defendants' fraudulent misrepresentations, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life; were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**VII. CLAIMS AGAINST USA GYMNASTICS**

**A. COUNT FOURTEEN**

**GROSS NEGLIGENCE**

**PLAINTIFFS DENHOLLANDER; JANE A. DOE BY JANE B. DOE; JANE D. DOE;  
JANE E. DOE; JANE G. DOE; JANE H. DOE; JANE J. DOE; JANE N. DOE;  
JANE P. DOE BY JANE Q. DOE; JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE U. DOE;  
JANE V. DOE BY JANE W. DOE; JANE Y. DOE BY JANE Z. DOE ; JANE A.A. DOE;  
JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.E. DOE; JANE A.G. DOE; JANE A.K. DOE; JANE A.L. DOE;  
JANE A.Q. DOE; JANE A.S. DOE; JANE A.U. DOE, JANE A.Y. DOE  
AGAINST DEFENDANT USAG AND DEFENDANT NASSAR**

793. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

794. Defendant USAG owed Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by



Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe, a duty to use due care to ensure their safety and freedom from sexual assault, abuse, and molestation while interacting with their employees, representatives, and/or agents.

795. The above-named Plaintiffs are or were members of USAG, participated in USAG sanctioned events, and were knowledgeable of and in some cases referred to Defendant Nassar through USAG affiliations.

796. Defendant Nassar owed Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe a duty to use due care in his capacity as an employee, representative, and/or agent of Defendant USAG.

797. By seeking medical treatment from Defendant Nassar in his capacity as an employee, agent, and/or representative of Defendant USAG, a special, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe and Defendant Nassar was created, resulting in Defendant Nassar owing Plaintiffs a duty to use due care.

798. Defendant USAG's failure to adequately supervise Defendant Nassar was so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury would result to Plaintiffs

Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe.

799. Defendant Nassar’s conduct in sexually assaulting, abusing, and molesting Plaintiffs under the guise of rendering medical “treatment” as an employee, representative, and/or agent of Defendant USAG was so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury would result to Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe.

800. Defendant USAG’s conduct demonstrated a willful disregard for necessary precautions to reasonably protect Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe’s safety.

801. Defendant USAG’s conduct as described above, demonstrated a willful disregard for substantial risks to Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane

Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe.

802. Defendant USAG breached duties owed to Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe and were grossly negligent when they conducted themselves by actions described above, including but not limited to their failure to notify MSU about the reasons for Nassar's separation from USAG and more broadly the issues surrounding sexual abuse in gymnastics and warning signs and reporting requirements. Said acts were committed with reckless disregard for Plaintiffs' health, safety, Constitutional and/or statutory rights, and with a substantial lack of concern as to whether an injury would result.
803. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant USAG'S actions and/or inactions, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**B. COUNT FIFTEEN**

**NEGLIGENCE**

**PLAINTIFFS DENHOLLANDER; JANE A. DOE BY JANE B. DOE; JANE D. DOE;  
JANE E. DOE; JANE G. DOE; JANE H. DOE; JANE J. DOE; JANE N. DOE;  
JANE P. DOE BY JANE Q. DOE; JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE U. DOE;  
JANE V. DOE BY JANE W. DOE; JANE Y. DOE BY JANE Z. DOE ; JANE A.A. DOE;  
JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.E. DOE; JANE A.G. DOE; JANE A.K. DOE; JANE A.L. DOE;  
JANE A.Q. DOE; JANE A.S. DOE; JANE A.U. DOE, JANE A.Y. DOE  
AGAINST DEFENDANT USAG AND DEFENDANT NASSAR**

804. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
805. Defendant USAG owed Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe a duty of ordinary care to ensure their safety and freedom from sexual assault, abuse, and molestation while being treated by their employees, representatives, and agents.
806. Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe as members of the USAG had a reasonable expectation that the USAG was recommending competent and ethical physicians and trainers for medical treatment who would carry out said treatment without sexual assault, abuse, and molestation.
807. By seeking medical treatment from Defendant Nassar in his capacity as an employee, agent,

and/or representative of Defendant USAG, a special, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe and Defendant Nassar was created, resulting in Defendant Nassar owing the aforementioned Plaintiffs a duty to use ordinary care.

808. Defendant Nassar owed Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe a duty of ordinary care in carrying out medical treatment.

809. Defendant USAG's failure to adequately train and supervise Defendant Nassar breached the duty of ordinary care.

810. Defendant USAG's failure to properly investigate, address, and remedy complaints regarding Defendant Nassar's conduct was a breach of ordinary care.

811. Defendant USAG's failure to inform Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe,

and the public of the allegations and concerns leading to Defendant Nassar's separation from USAG was a breach of ordinary care.

812. Defendant Nassar's conduct in sexually assaulting, abusing, and molesting Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe was a breach of the duty to use ordinary care.

813. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendants' conduct, actions and/or inactions, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**C. COUNT SIXTEEN**

**VICARIOUS LIABILITY**

**PLAINTIFFS DENHOLLANDER; JANE A. DOE BY JANE B. DOE; JANE D. DOE;  
JANE E. DOE; JANE G. DOE; JANE H. DOE; JANE J. DOE; JANE N. DOE;  
JANE P. DOE BY JANE Q. DOE; JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE U. DOE;  
JANE V. DOE BY JANE W. DOE; JANE Y. DOE BY JANE Z. DOE ; JANE A.A. DOE;  
JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.E. DOE; JANE A.G. DOE; JANE A.K. DOE; JANE A.L. DOE;  
JANE A.Q. DOE; JANE A.S. DOE; JANE A.U. DOE, JANE A.Y. DOE  
AGAINST DEFENDANT USAG**

814. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

815. Vicarious liability is indirect responsibility imposed by operation of law where an employer

is bound to keep its employees within their proper bounds and is responsible if it fails to do so.

816. Vicarious liability essentially creates agency between the principal and its agent, so that the principal is held to have done what the agent has done.

817. Defendant USAG's website contains sites portraying Defendant Nassar as the recipient of distinguished awards and boasts him as having been "instrumental" to the success of USA gymnastics.<sup>39</sup>

818. Defendant USAG employed and/or held Defendant Nassar out to be its agent and/or representative from approximately 1986 to 2015.

819. Defendant USAG is vicariously liable for the actions of Defendant Nassar as described above that were performed during the course of his employment, representation, or agency with Defendant USAG and while he had unfettered access to young female athletes.

820. As a direct and/or proximate cause of Defendant Nassar's negligence carried out in the course of his employment, agency, and/or representation with Defendant USAG Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

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<sup>39</sup> For example, *see*, <https://usagym.org/pages/post.html?PostID=14677&prog=h>, Last accessed, January 5, 2017. As of March 16, 2017, it appears this site is no longer accessible.

**D. COUNT SEVENTEEN**

**EXPRESS/IMPLIED AGENCY**  
**PLAINTIFFS DENHOLLANDER; JANE A. DOE BY JANE B. DOE; JANE D. DOE;**  
**JANE E. DOE; JANE G. DOE; JANE H. DOE; JANE J. DOE; JANE N. DOE;**  
**JANE P. DOE BY JANE Q. DOE; JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE U. DOE;**  
**JANE V. DOE BY JANE W. DOE; JANE Y. DOE BY JANE Z. DOE ; JANE A.A. DOE;**  
**JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.E. DOE; JANE A.G. DOE; JANE A.K. DOE; JANE A.L. DOE;**  
**JANE A.Q. DOE; JANE A.S. DOE; JANE A.U. DOE, JANE A.Y. DOE**  
**AGAINST DEFENDANT USAG**

821. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
822. An agent is a person who is authorized by another to act on its behalf.
823. Defendant USAG intentionally or negligently made representations that Defendant Nassar was their employee, agent, and/or representative.
824. On the basis of those representations, Plaintiffs reasonably believed Defendant Nassar was acting as an employee, agent, and/or representation of Defendant USAG.
825. Plaintiffs were injured as a result of Defendant Nassar's sexual assault, abuse, and molestation as described above carried out through his employment, agency, and/or representation with Defendant USAG.
826. Plaintiffs were injured because they relied on Defendant USAG to provide employees or agents who would exercise reasonable skill and care.
827. As a direct and/or proximate cause of Defendant Nassar's negligence carried out in the course of his employment, agency, and/or representation with Defendant USAG Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing



Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**E. COUNT EIGHTEEN**

**NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION**

**PLAINTIFFS DENHOLLANDER; JANE A. DOE BY JANE B. DOE; JANE D. DOE;  
JANE E. DOE; JANE G. DOE; JANE H. DOE; JANE J. DOE; JANE N. DOE;  
JANE P. DOE BY JANE Q. DOE; JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE U. DOE;  
JANE V. DOE BY JANE W. DOE; JANE Y. DOE BY JANE Z. DOE ; JANE A.A. DOE;  
JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.E. DOE; JANE A.G. DOE; JANE A.K. DOE; JANE A.L. DOE;  
JANE A.Q. DOE; JANE A.S. DOE; JANE A.U. DOE, JANE A.Y. DOE  
AGAINST DEFENDANT USAG**

828. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
829. Defendant USAG had a duty to provide reasonable supervision of its employee, agent, and/or representative, Defendant Nassar, while he was in the course of his employment, agency and/or representation of Defendant USAG and while he interacted with young female athletes including Plaintiffs.
830. It was reasonably foreseeable given the known sexual abuse in youth sports and gymnastics in particular that Defendant Nassar who had prior allegations against him had or would sexually abuse children, including Plaintiffs, unless properly supervised.
831. Defendant USAG by and through their employees, agents, managers and/or assigns such as Mr. Penny or Mr. Colarossi, knew or reasonably should have known of Defendant Nassar's conduct and/or that Defendant Nassar was an unfit employee, agent, and/or representative because of his sexual interest in children and young adults.
832. Defendant USAG breached its duty to provide reasonable supervision of Defendant Nassar, and its failure permitted Defendant Nassar, who was in a position of trust and authority, to commit the acts against Plaintiffs.

833. The aforementioned sexual abuse occurred while Defendant Nassar was acting in the course of his employment, agency and/or representation of Defendant USAG.
834. Defendant USAG tolerated, authorized and/or permitted a custom, policy, practice or procedure of insufficient supervision and failed to adequately screen, counsel or discipline Defendant Nassar, with the result that Defendant Nassar was allowed to violate the rights of persons such as Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe with impunity.
835. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant USAG's negligent supervision, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**F. COUNT NINETEEN**

**NEGLIGENT FAILURE TO WARN OR PROTECT**  
**PLAINTIFFS DENHOLLANDER; JANE A. DOE BY JANE B. DOE; JANE D. DOE;**  
**JANE E. DOE; JANE G. DOE; JANE H. DOE; JANE J. DOE; JANE N. DOE;**  
**JANE P. DOE BY JANE Q. DOE; JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE U. DOE;**  
**JANE V. DOE BY JANE W. DOE; JANE Y. DOE BY JANE Z. DOE ; JANE A.A. DOE;**  
**JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.E. DOE; JANE A.G. DOE; JANE A.K. DOE; JANE A.L. DOE;**  
**JANE A.Q. DOE; JANE A.S. DOE; JANE A.U. DOE, JANE A.Y. DOE**  
**AGAINST DEFENDANT USAG**

836. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous

paragraphs.

837. Given the direct or indirect knowledge of sexual abuse in youth sports and in particular gymnastics, it was reasonably foreseeable that sexual abuse of minors may occur if proper procedures were not taken by Defendant USAG.
838. Defendant USAG knew or should have known that Defendant Nassar posed a risk of harm to Plaintiffs or those in Plaintiffs' situation.
839. Defendant USAG had direct and/or constructive knowledge as to the dangerous conduct of Defendant Nassar and failed to act reasonably and responsibly in response.
840. Defendant USAG knew or should have known that Defendant Nassar previously committed sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and/or was continuing to engage in such conduct.
841. Defendant USAG had a duty to warn or protect Plaintiffs and others in Plaintiffs' situation against the risk of injury by Defendant Nassar.
842. The duty to disclose this information arose by the special, trusting, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between Defendant Nassar in his capacity as employee, agent, and/or representative of Defendant USAG and Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe.
843. Defendant USAG breached said duty by failing to warn Plaintiffs and/or by failing to take reasonable steps to protect Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D.

Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe from Defendant Nassar.

844. Defendant USAG breached its duties to protect Plaintiffs by failing to detect and/or uncover evidence of sexual abuse and sexual assault, investigate Defendant Nassar, adjudicate and suspend and/or ban Defendant Nassar from USAG affiliation and USAG sanctioned events.
845. Defendant USAG failed to adequately screen, counsel and/or discipline Defendant Nassar for physical and/or mental conditions that might have rendered him unfit to discharge the duties and responsibilities of a physician in his capacity as an employee, agent, and/or representative of Defendant USAG, resulting in violations of Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe's rights.
846. Defendant USAG willfully refused to notify, give adequate warning, and implement appropriate safeguards to protect Plaintiffs from Defendant Nassar's conduct.
847. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant USAG's negligent failure to warn or protect, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress,

physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**G. COUNT TWENTY**

**NEGLIGENT FAILURE TO TRAIN OR EDUCATE**  
**PLAINTIFFS DENHOLLANDER; JANE A. DOE BY JANE B. DOE; JANE D. DOE;**  
**JANE E. DOE; JANE G. DOE; JANE H. DOE; JANE J. DOE; JANE N. DOE;**  
**JANE P. DOE BY JANE Q. DOE; JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE U. DOE;**  
**JANE V. DOE BY JANE W. DOE; JANE Y. DOE BY JANE Z. DOE ; JANE A.A. DOE;**  
**JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.E. DOE; JANE A.G. DOE; JANE A.K. DOE; JANE A.L. DOE;**  
**JANE A.Q. DOE; JANE A.S. DOE; JANE A.U. DOE, JANE A.Y. DOE**  
**AGAINST DEFENDANT USAG**

848. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
849. Defendant USAG breached its duty to take reasonable protective measures to protect Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe and other individuals from the risk of childhood sexual abuse and/or sexual assault by Defendant Nassar, such as the failure to properly train or educate Plaintiffs and other individuals (including minors) about how to avoid such a risk.
850. Defendant USAG failed to implement reasonable safeguards to:
- a. Prevent acts of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation by Defendant Nassar;

b. Avoid placing Defendant Nassar in positions where he would have unsupervised contact and interaction with Plaintiffs and other young athletes.

851. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant USAG's negligent failure to train or educate, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**H. COUNT TWENTY-ONE**

**NEGLIGENT RETENTION**

**PLAINTIFFS DENHOLLANDER; JANE A. DOE BY JANE B. DOE; JANE D. DOE;  
JANE E. DOE; JANE G. DOE; JANE H. DOE; JANE J. DOE; JANE N. DOE;  
JANE P. DOE BY JANE Q. DOE; JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE U. DOE;  
JANE V. DOE BY JANE W. DOE; JANE Y. DOE BY JANE Z. DOE ; JANE A.A. DOE;  
JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.E. DOE; JANE A.G. DOE; JANE A.K. DOE; JANE A.L. DOE;  
JANE A.Q. DOE; JANE A.S. DOE; JANE A.U. DOE, JANE A.Y. DOE  
AGAINST DEFENDANT USAG**

852. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

853. Defendant USAG had a duty when credentialing, hiring, retaining, screening, checking, regulating, monitoring, and supervising employees, agents and/or representatives to exercise due care, but they failed to do so.

854. Defendant USAG was negligent in the retention of Defendant Nassar as an employee, agent, and/or representative in their failure to adequately investigate, report, and address complaints about his conduct of which they knew or should have known.

855. Defendant USAG was negligent in the retention of Defendant Nassar when after they discovered, or reasonably should have discovered Defendant Nassar's conduct which reflected a propensity for sexual misconduct.
856. Defendant USAG's failure to act in accordance with the standard of care resulted in Defendant Nassar gaining access to and sexually abusing and/or sexually assaulting Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe as well as an unknown number of other individuals.
857. The aforementioned negligence in the credentialing, hiring, retaining, screening, checking, regulating, monitoring, and supervising of Defendant Nassar created a foreseeable risk of harm to Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe as well as other minors and young adults.
858. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant USAG's negligent retention, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation,

and enjoyment of life; were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**I. COUNT TWENTY-TWO**

**INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**  
**PLAINTIFFS DENHOLLANDER; JANE A. DOE BY JANE B. DOE; JANE D. DOE;**  
**JANE E. DOE; JANE G. DOE; JANE H. DOE; JANE J. DOE; JANE N. DOE;**  
**JANE P. DOE BY JANE Q. DOE; JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE U. DOE;**  
**JANE V. DOE BY JANE W. DOE; JANE Y. DOE BY JANE Z. DOE ; JANE A.A. DOE;**  
**JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.E. DOE; JANE A.G. DOE; JANE A.K. DOE; JANE A.L. DOE;**  
**JANE A.Q. DOE; JANE A.S. DOE; JANE A.U. DOE, JANE A.Y. DOE**  
**AGAINST DEFENDANT USAG**

859. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
860. Defendant USAG allowed Defendant Nassar to be in a position where he could sexually assault, abuse, and molest children and young adults.
861. A reasonable person would not expect Defendant USAG to tolerate or permit their employee, agent, or representative to carry out sexual assault, abuse, or molestation.
862. Defendants USAG held Defendant Nassar in high esteem and acclaim which in turn encouraged Plaintiffs and others to respect and trust Defendant Nassar and seek out his services and to not question his methods or motives.
863. Defendants USAG protected Defendant Nassar in part to bolster its national and international reputation in the gymnastics community.
864. A reasonable person would not expect Defendant USAG to be incapable of supervising Defendant Nassar and/or preventing Defendant Nassar from committing acts of sexual assault, abuse and molestation.
865. Defendant USAG's conduct as described above was intentional and/or reckless.



866. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant USAG's conduct, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**J. COUNT TWENTY-THREE**

**FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION**

**PLAINTIFFS DENHOLLANDER; JANE A. DOE BY JANE B. DOE; JANE D. DOE;  
JANE E. DOE; JANE G. DOE; JANE H. DOE; JANE J. DOE; JANE N. DOE;  
JANE P. DOE BY JANE Q. DOE; JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE U. DOE;  
JANE V. DOE BY JANE W. DOE; JANE Y. DOE BY JANE Z. DOE ; JANE A.A. DOE;  
JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.E. DOE; JANE A.G. DOE; JANE A.K. DOE; JANE A.L. DOE;  
JANE A.Q. DOE; JANE A.S. DOE; JANE A.U. DOE, JANE A.Y. DOE  
AGAINST DEFENDANT USAG**

867. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

868. From approximately 1996 to summer 2015, Defendant USAG represented to Plaintiffs and the public that Defendant Nassar was a competent, ethical, and safe physician.

869. By representing that Defendant Nassar was a team physician and athletic physician at Defendant MSU and a National Team Physician with Defendant USAG, Defendant USAG represented to Plaintiffs and the public that Defendant Nassar was safe, trustworthy, of high moral and ethical repute, and that Plaintiffs and the public need not worry about being harmed by Defendant Nassar.

870. The representations were false when they were made as Defendant Nassar had and was continuing to sexually assault, abuse, and molest Plaintiffs and an unknown number of other

individuals.

871. Additionally, complaints were made to Defendant USAG, yet Defendant USAG did not contact Plaintiffs Denhollander, Jane A. Doe by Jane B. Doe, Jane D. Doe, Jane E. Doe, Jane G. Doe, Jane H. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane N. Doe, Jane P. Doe by Jane Q. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane U. Doe, Jane V. Doe by Jane W. Doe, Jane Y. Doe by Jane Z. Doe, Jane A.A. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, Jane A.E. Doe, Jane A.G. Doe, Jane A.K. Doe, Jane A.L. Doe, Jane A.Q. Doe, Jane A.S. Doe, Jane A.U. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe, the MSU Defendants, or any other clubs, or organizations affiliated with Defendant Nassar to inform them of the allegations and potential harm to Plaintiffs and others.
872. Plaintiffs relied on the assertions of Defendant USAG and several Plaintiffs continued to seek treatment of Defendant Nassar in the wake of known concerns and dangers.
873. Plaintiffs were subjected to sexual assault, abuse, and molestation as a result of Defendant USAG's fraudulent misrepresentations regarding Defendant Nassar.
874. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant USAG's fraudulent misrepresentations, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life; were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

## **VIII. CLAIMS AGAINST TWISTARS**

### **A. COUNT TWENTY-FOUR**

#### **GROSS NEGLIGENCE** **PLAINTIFFS JANE G. DOE; JANE J. DOE;**

**JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.Y. DOE**  
**AGAINST DEFENDANT TWISTARS AND DEFENDANT NASSAR**

875. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
876. Defendant Twistars owed Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe a duty to use due care to ensure their safety and freedom from sexual assault, abuse, and molestation while interacting with their employees, representatives, and/or agents.
877. Defendant Nassar owed Plaintiffs a duty to use due care as an employee, representative, and/or agent of Defendant Twistars.
878. By seeking medical treatment from Defendant Nassar in his capacity as an employee, agent, and/or representative of Defendant Twistars, a special, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe and Defendant Nassar was created, resulting in Defendant Nassar owing Plaintiffs a duty to use due care.
879. Given known sexual abuse which has taken place in youth sports including gymnastics and the reasonable foreseeability that harm may occur to athletes, Defendant Twistars not only referred athletes to Defendant Nassar but also failed to adequately supervise Defendant Nassar. Defendant Twistars' action were so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury would result to Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe.
880. Defendant Nassar's conduct in sexually assaulting, abusing, and molesting Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe in the course of his employment, agency, and/or representation of Defendant Twistars and under the guise

of rendering medical “treatment” as an employee, representative, and/or agent of Defendant Twistars was so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury would result to Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe.

881. Defendant Twistars’ conduct demonstrated a willful disregard for precautions to ensure Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe’s safety.

882. Defendant Twistars’ conduct as described above, demonstrated a willful disregard for substantial risks to Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe.

883. Defendant Twistars breached duties owed to Plaintiffs and were grossly negligent when they conducted themselves by actions described above, said acts having been committed with reckless disregard for Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe’s health, safety, Constitutional and/or statutory rights, and with a substantial lack of concern as to whether an injury would result.

884. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant Twistars’ actions and/or inactions, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs’ daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**B. COUNT TWENTY-FIVE**

**NEGLIGENCE**  
**PLAINTIFFS JANE G. DOE; JANE J. DOE;**  
**JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.Y. DOE**  
**DEFENDANT TWISTARS AND DEFENDANT NASSAR**

885. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
886. In or around 1998, a parent of a gymnast at Defendant Twistars' facility complained to Mr. Geddert, the owner and operator of Defendant Twistars, regarding Dr. Nassar's conduct alleging sexual abuse, assault, and molestation.
887. Despite being informed of Defendant Nassar's conduct, Mr. Geddert recommended Defendant Nassar as a physician to members and guests of Defendant Twistars.
888. Mr. Geddert owed Plaintiffs a duty of ordinary care to ensure their safety and freedom from sexual assault, abuse, and molestation.
889. In recommending Defendant Nassar with knowledge of Defendant Nassar's conduct, Mr. Geddert breached the duty of ordinary care to Plaintiffs and the public.
890. Defendant Twistars breached the duty of ordinary care to Plaintiffs and the public in failing to investigate the 1998 allegations, which were made to Mr. Geddert.
891. Defendant Twistars breached the duty of ordinary care to Plaintiffs and the public by failing to report the 1998 allegations, which were made to Mr. Geddert, to law enforcement.
892. Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, and Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, as members of Defendant Twistars, in taking the recommendation of Mr. Geddert to seek medical treatment from Defendant Nassar had a reasonable expectation that Defendant Nassar would carry out medical treatment without subjecting them to sexual assault, abuse, or molestation.
893. Plaintiff Jane A.C. Doe in attending and competing in USAG sanctioned meets sponsored

by Defendant Twistars and receiving treatment from Defendant Nassar at said events had a reasonable expectation that Defendant Nassar would carry out medical treatment without subjecting her to sexual assault, abuse, or molestation.

894. Plaintiff Jane A.Y. Doe in attending a USAG sanctioned meet sponsored by Defendant Twistars and receiving treatment from Defendant Nassar at said events had a reasonable expectation that Defendant Nassar would carry out medical treatment without subjecting her to sexual assault, abuse, or molestation.

895. By seeking medical treatment from Defendant Nassar, a special, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between Plaintiffs and Defendant Nassar was created, resulting in Defendant Nassar owing Plaintiffs a duty to use ordinary care.

896. Defendant Nassar owed Plaintiffs a duty of ordinary care in carrying out medical treatment at Defendant Twistars' facilities.

897. Defendant Twistars' failure to adequately train and supervise Defendant Nassar while he was at their facility breached the duty of ordinary care.

898. Defendant Nassar's conduct at Defendant Twistars' facility, in sexually assaulting, abusing, and molesting Plaintiffs in the course of and under the guise of rendering medical "treatment" was a breach of the duty to use ordinary care.

899. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendants' conduct, actions and/or inactions, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and

have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

C. **COUNT TWENTY-SIX**

**EXPRESS/IMPLIED AGENCY**  
**PLAINTIFFS JANE G. DOE; JANE J. DOE;**  
**JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.Y. DOE**  
**AGAINST DEFENDANT TWISTARS**

900. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
901. An agent is a person who is authorized by another to act on its behalf.
902. Defendant Twistars intentionally or negligently made representations that Defendant Nassar was their employee, agent, and/or representative.
903. On the basis of those representations, Plaintiffs reasonably believed that Defendant Nassar was acting as an employee, agent, and/or representative of Defendant Twistars.
904. Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe were injured as a result of Defendant Nassar's sexual assault, abuse, and molestation as described above.
905. Plaintiffs were injured because they relied on Defendant Twistars to provide employees, agents, and/or representatives who would exercise reasonable skill or care.
906. As a proximate cause of Defendant Nassar's negligence carried out through his employment, agency, and or representation of Defendant Twistars Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and

continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**D. COUNT TWENTY-SEVEN**

**NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION**  
**PLAINTIFFS JANE G. DOE; JANE J. DOE;**  
**JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.Y. DOE**  
**AGAINST DEFENDANT TWISTARS**

907. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
908. Defendant Twistars each had a duty to provide reasonable supervision of its employee, agent, and/or representative, Defendant Nassar, while he was in the course of his employment, agency, or representation of Defendant Twistars when he interacted with young female athletes including Plaintiffs.
909. It was reasonably foreseeable given the known sexual abuse in youth sports and gymnastics in particular that Defendant Nassar who had prior allegations against him had or would sexually abuse children, including Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe, unless properly supervised.
910. Defendant Twistars by and through their employees, agents, managers, and/or assigns, knew or reasonably should have known of Defendant Nassar's conduct and/or that Defendant Nassar was an unfit employee, agent, and/or representative because of his sexual interest in children and young adults and due to the 1998 complaint made to Mr. Geddert of the nonconsensual sexual touching during "treatment."
911. Defendant Twistars breached its duty to provide reasonable supervision of Defendant Nassar, and permitted Defendant Nassar, who was in a position of trust and authority, to commit the acts against Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe.



912. The aforementioned sexual abuse occurred while Plaintiffs and Defendant Nassar were on the premises of Defendant Twistars, and while Defendant Nassar was acting in the course of his employment, agency, or representation of Defendant Twistars.
913. Defendant Twistars tolerated, authorized and/or permitted a custom, policy, practice or procedure of insufficient supervision and failed to adequately screen, counsel, or discipline such individuals, with the result that Defendant Nassar was allowed to violate the rights of persons such as Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe with impunity.
914. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant Twistars' negligent supervision, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**E. COUNT TWENTY-EIGHT**

**NEGLIGENT FAILURE TO WARN OR PROTECT  
PLAINTIFFS JANE G. DOE; JANE J. DOE;  
JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.Y. DOE  
AGAINST DEFENDANT TWISTARS**

915. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
916. Defendant Twistars knew or should have known that Defendant Nassar posed a risk of harm to Plaintiffs or those in Plaintiffs' situation.
917. As early as 1998, Defendant Twistars, by a complaint made to its

owner/employee/agent/representative John Geddert, had direct and/or constructive knowledge as to the dangerous conduct of Defendant Nassar and failed to act reasonably and responsibly in response.

918. Defendant Twistars knew or should have known that Defendant Nassar committed sexual assault, abuse, and molestation and/or was continuing to engage in such conduct.
919. Defendant Twistars had a duty to warn or protect Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe and others in Plaintiffs' situation against the risk of injury by Defendant Nassar.
920. The duty to disclose this information arose by the special, trusting, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between Defendant Nassar, an agent/representative/employee of Defendant Twistars and Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe.
921. Defendant Twistars breached said duty by failing to warn Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe and/or by failing to take reasonable steps to protect the Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe from Defendant Nassar.
922. Defendant Twistars breached its duties to protect Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe by failing to detect and/or uncover evidence of sexual abuse and sexual assault, which was taking place on its premises and at its facility.
923. Defendant Twistars breached its duties to protect Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe by failing to investigate Defendant Nassar, and adjudicate and suspend and/or ban Defendant Nassar from Twistars sanctioned

events.

924. Defendant Twistars failed to adequately screen, counsel, and/or discipline Defendant Nassar for physical and/or mental conditions that might have rendered him unfit to discharge the duties and responsibilities of a physician with their organization, resulting in violations of Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe.
925. Defendant Twistars willfully refused to notify, give adequate warning, and implement appropriate safeguards to protect Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe from Defendant Nassar's conduct.
926. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant Twistars' negligent failure to warn or protect, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**F. COUNT TWENTY-NINE**

**INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**  
**PLAINTIFFS JANE G. DOE; JANE J. DOE;**  
**JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.Y. DOE**  
**AGAINST DEFENDANT TWISTARS**

927. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
928. Defendant Twistars allowed Defendant Nassar to be in a position where he could sexually

assault, abuse, and molest children and young adults at its facility and other places.

929. A reasonable person would not expect Defendant Twistars to tolerate or permit their employee, agent, or representative to carry out sexual assault, abuse, or molestation.
930. Defendant Twistars held Defendant Nassar in high esteem and acclaim which in turn encouraged Plaintiffs and others to respect and trust Defendant Nassar, seek his services, and to not question his methods or motives.
931. Defendant Twistars protected Defendant Nassar in part to bolster and sustain his national and international reputation in the gymnastics community, and Twistars' reputation in the gymnastics community.
932. A reasonable person would not expect Defendant Twistars to be incapable of supervising Defendant Nassar and/or preventing Defendant Nassar from committing acts of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation on their premises and at their facility.
933. Defendant Twistars' conduct as described above was intentional and/or reckless.
934. As a result of Defendant Twistars' conduct, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**G. COUNT THIRTY**

**FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION**  
**PLAINTIFFS JANE G. DOE; JANE J. DOE;**  
**JANE S. DOE BY JANE T. DOE; JANE A.C. DOE; JANE A.Y. DOE**  
**AGAINST DEFENDANT TWISTARS**

935. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
936. From approximately 1996 to September 2016, Defendant Twistars represented to Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe and the public that Defendant Nassar was a competent, ethical, and safe physician.
937. By representing that Defendant Nassar was a team physician and athletic physician at Defendant MSU and a National Team Physician with Defendant USAG, Defendant Twistars represented to Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe and the public that Defendant Nassar was safe, trustworthy, of high moral and ethical repute, and that Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe and the public need not worry about being harmed by Defendant Nassar.
938. The representations were false when they were made as Defendant Nassar had and was continuing to sexually assault, abuse, and molest Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe and an unknown number of individuals, at times at Defendant Twistars' facility.
939. As early as 1998, Defendant Twistars knew their representations of Defendant Nassar were false as Defendant Twistars received a complaint of Defendant Nassar's conduct.
940. Between the time of the 1998 complaint and September 2016, Defendant Twistars continued to hold Defendant Nassar out as a competent and safe physician.
941. Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe relied on the assertions of Defendant Twistars and several Plaintiffs continued to seek treatment of Defendant Nassar in the wake of known concerns and dangers.

942. Plaintiffs Jane G. Doe, Jane J. Doe, Jane S. Doe by Jane T. Doe, Jane A.C. Doe, and Jane A.Y. Doe were subjected to sexual assault, abuse, and molestation as a result of Defendant Twistars' fraudulent misrepresentations regarding Defendant Nassar.

943. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant Twistars' fraudulent misrepresentations, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life; were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**IX. CLAIMS AGAINST NASSAR**

**A. COUNT THIRTY-ONE**

**ASSAULT & BATTERY**  
**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST**  
**DEFENDANT LAWRENCE NASSAR**

944. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

945. The acts committed by Defendant Nassar against Plaintiffs described herein constitute assault and battery, actionable under the laws of Michigan.

946. Defendant Nassar committed nonconsensual sexual acts which resulted in harmful or offensive contact with the bodies of Plaintiffs.

947. Specifically, Defendant Nassar committed acts which caused injury to Plaintiffs by subjecting them to an imminent battery and/or intentional invasions of their rights to be free from offensive and harmful contact, and said conduct demonstrated that Defendant

had a present ability to subject Plaintiffs to an immediate, intentional, offensive and harmful touching.

948. Defendant Nassar assaulted and battered Plaintiffs by nonconsensual and unwanted digital vaginal penetration, digital anal penetration, and touching some of Plaintiffs' breasts without notice or explanation of the "treatment."

949. Plaintiffs did not consent to the contact, which caused injury, damage, loss, and/or harm.

950. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant Nassar's assault and battery, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**B. COUNT THIRTY-TWO**

**INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**  
**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST DEFENDANT LAWRENCE NASSAR**

951. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

952. Defendant Nassar used his authority and position with Defendants MSU and USAG to sexually assault, abuse, and molest Plaintiffs, and an unknown number of other individuals, minors, and young adults.

953. Defendant Nassar in committing acts of sexual assault, abuse, and molestation as described above under the guise of medical "treatment" exhibited conduct that is extreme, outrageous and/or reckless in nature.

954. A reasonable person would not expect their physician to sexually assault, abuse, or molest them, and to do so under the guise of medical “treatment” without proper notice or explanation, and without giving the patient the opportunity to refuse “treatment” of that nature.
955. Defendant Nassar’s conduct was intentional or reckless as he repeatedly sexually assaulted, abused, and molested Plaintiffs over several years, from approximately 1996 to 2016.
956. Defendant Nassar’s conduct has caused and continues to cause Plaintiffs to suffer emotional and psychological distress.
957. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant Nassar’s outrageous conduct Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life, were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs’ daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, and have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**C. COUNT THIRTY-THREE**

**FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION**  
**ALL PLAINTIFFS AGAINST DEFENDANT LAWRENCE NASSAR**

958. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.
959. From approximately 1996 to September 2016, Defendant Nassar represented to Plaintiffs and the public that he was a competent, ethical, and safe physician.
960. By representing that he was a team physician and athletic physician at Defendant MSU and a National Team Physician with Defendant USAG, Defendant Nassar represented to Plaintiffs



the public that Defendant Nassar he was safe, trustworthy, of high moral and ethical repute, and that Plaintiffs and the public need not worry about being harmed by Defendant Nassar.

961. The representations were false when they were made as Defendant Nassar had and was continuing to sexually assault, abuse, and molest Plaintiffs and an unknown number of individuals at MSU, Twistars' facilities, USAG meets, Defendant Nassar's home, and other locations.

962. Specifically, Defendant Nassar's false representations include but are not limited to the following:

- a. making the statement, explaining, that his acts and/or conduct were a "new procedure" which involved vaginal penetration;
- b. making the statement, referring to his conduct, disguised as "treatment," as a pelvic adjustment;
- c. making the statement, explaining, that his acts and/or conduct was "checking your sternum;"
- d. making the statement, explaining, that his acts and/or conduct was doing a "breast exam;"
- e. making the statement, explaining, that his acts and/or conduct was "treatment" and that it was the same that he performed on Olympic athletes;
- f. making the statement, explaining, that his acts and/or conduct was "attempting to manipulate [their] ribs;" and,
- g. making a statement, explaining to a plaintiff and another medical professional; that the position of his hand was in an appropriate place, when it was not and while he was digitally penetrating the plaintiff, all which were made contemporaneously and/or shortly after the abrupt, sudden, quick, and unexpected sexual assaults by Defendant Nassar.

963. The material representation(s) to Plaintiffs were false, in that Defendant Nassar was actually engaging in conduct for his own sexual gratification and pleasure evidenced by his observed arousal, flushed face, and closing of the eyes during the conduct.

964. Plaintiffs relied on the assertions of Defendant Nassar and several Plaintiffs continued to seek treatment of Defendant Nassar even after Defendant Nassar became aware of concerns and complaints of his “treatment.”

965. When Defendant Nassar made the material representation(s), he knew that they were false, in that he knew that the “treatment[s]” were not proper, appropriate, legitimate, and/or considered within standard of care by any physician of any specialty and/or sports therapist.

966. Defendant Nassar made the material representation(s) with the intent that the material representation(s) should be acted and/or relied upon by Plaintiffs, in that Plaintiffs:

- a. should believe that the “treatments” were in fact “treatments,” should believe that the “treatment[s]” were proper, appropriate, and legitimate; should not believe that they had been sexually assaulted;
- b. should not believe that they had been sexually assaulted so that he could prevent discovery of his sexual assaults; should continue the “treatment[s]” so that he could continue to sexually assault them; should not question and/or report the conduct to appropriate authorities; and,
- c. should not reasonably believe and not be aware of a possible cause of action that they have against Defendant Nassar and/or Defendant MSU.

967. Defendant Nassar concealed the fraud by an affirmative act(s) that was/were designed and/or planned to prevent inquiry and escape investigation and prevent subsequent discovery of his fraud, in that he:

- a. positioned himself in a manner in which parents or chaperones in the room could not see his conduct, so that he could conceal and prevent discovery of his conduct;
- b. dismissed a medical professional from the room, during an examination of a plaintiff

- of whom he was digitally penetrating, who questioned the placement of his hands;
- c. prevented other medical professionals, chaperones, parents, guardians, and/or caregivers from being in the room during some examinations and treatments of Plaintiffs so that he could sexually assault Plaintiffs;
  - d. did not abide by or follow the standard and care which requires another medical professional, chaperone, parent, guardian, and/or caregiver be in the room during the examination and treatment of minors and female patients;
  - e. did not abide by or follow restrictions that had been put into place in 2014 by Defendant MSU restricting his examination and treatment of patients only with another person in the room; and,
  - f. gave Plaintiffs, at appointments, gifts such as t-shirts, pins, flags, leotards, and other items, some with USAG logos and others without, in order to gain their trust.
968. The actions and inactions of Defendant Nassar, as described in the preceding paragraphs, constituted fraud.
969. Between the times of the 1998 complaint to Defendant Twistars, the 1999 complaint to MSU coaches and trainers, the 2000 complaint to MSU trainers, the 2004 complaint to Meridian Township Police, the 2014 Complaint to MSU officials, and September 2016 when he was fired, Defendant Nassar continued to hold himself out as a competent and safe physician.
970. Plaintiffs were subjected to sexual assault, abuse, and molestation as a result of Defendant Nassar's fraudulent misrepresentations regarding Defendant Nassar.
971. At all times pertinent to this action, Defendant Nassar was an agent, apparent agent, servant, and employee of the MSU Defendants and operated within the scope of his employment and his negligence is imputed to the MSU Defendants.

972. At all times material hereto, Plaintiffs were entirely free of any negligence contributing to the injuries and damages hereinafter alleged.

973. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendant Nassar's fraudulent misrepresentations, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and enjoyment of life; were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

**X. DAMAGES - FOR ALL AFOREMENTIONED CAUSES OF ACTION**

974. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs.

975. As a direct and/or proximate result of Defendants' actions and/or inactions stated above, Plaintiffs suffered discomfort, bleeding, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, and continue to suffer pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, fright, grief, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiffs' daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; have sustained and continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity.

976. The conduct, actions and/or inactions of Defendants as alleged in the above stated counts and causes of action constitute violations of Plaintiffs' Constitutional and Federal rights as well as the common and/or statutory laws of the State of Michigan, and the United States District Court has jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate said claims.

977. In whole or in part, as a result of some or all of the above actions and/or inactions of Defendants, Plaintiffs have and continue to suffer irreparable harm as a result of the violations.

978. The amount in controversy for each Plaintiff exceeds the jurisdictional minimum of \$75,000.00.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request this Court and the finder of fact to enter a Judgment in Plaintiffs' favor against all named Defendants on all counts and claims as indicated above in an amount consistent with the proofs of trial, and seeks against Defendants all appropriate damages arising out of law, equity, and fact for each or all of the above counts where applicable and hereby requests that the trier of fact, be it judge or jury, award Plaintiffs all applicable damages, including but not limited to compensatory, special, exemplary and/or punitive damages, in whatever amount the Plaintiffs are entitled, and all other relief arising out of law, equity, and fact, also including but not limited to:

- a) Compensatory damages in an amount to be determined as fair and just under the circumstances, by the trier of fact including, but not limited to medical expenses, loss of earnings, mental anguish, anxiety, humiliation, and embarrassment, violation of Plaintiffs' Constitutional, Federal, and State rights, loss of social pleasure and enjoyment, and other damages to be proved;
- b) Punitive and/or exemplary damages in an amount to be determined as reasonable or just by the trier of fact;
- c) Reasonable attorney fees, interest, and costs; and,
- d) Other declaratory, equitable, and/or injunctive relief, including, but not limited to implementation of institutional reform and measures of accountability to ensure the safety and protection of young athletes and other individuals, as appears to be reasonable and just.

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**RELIANCE UPON JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiffs, DREW, COOPER & ANDING, and MANLY, STEWART & FINALDI, hereby rely on the demand for a trial by jury previously asserted on all claims set forth above.

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