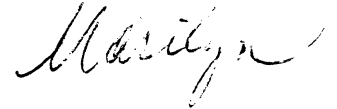


Greetings,

We haven't received the documents from the court yet--having learned of the decision only from the article below. Richard Morris will be working on the appeal once he has the actual legal papers and it will be filed as soon as possible. We'll keep you posted. Certainly, this is a disappointment, but not unexpected...merely another round. It would have taken a courageous judge to rule in our favor, even if he had understood the issue.

Sincerely,



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Marin Judge Kills Suit Over Circumcision

A Marin County judge dismissed yesterday a San Rafael mother's lawsuit that claimed a routine circumcision performed on her infant son amounted to torture.

Trudie London — the wife of a Kaiser Foundation Hospital physician — asserted that the operation at Kaiser on 6-day-old Adam resulted in "torture, mutilation and physical distortion."

In dismissing the lawsuit, Superior Court Judge E. Warren McGuire noted that the mother had signed Kaiser's standard consent form authorizing the operation, which was performed without complications.

In his written decision upholding Kaiser's motion for dismissal, the judge said:

"Considering the traditional, cultural and religious history of circumcision as one of the most widely performed operations in human history and the constitutionally recognized right of raising children and to privacy in the realm of family life ... parents would appear to have the right to have their male child circumcised without the need for governmental intervention or permission...."