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## Two Year Delay in Diagnosing and Treating Urinary Tract Cancer Results in Reduced Chance for Cancer-Free Survival

**Lake Success, October, 2023.** The <u>Pegalis Law Group, LLC</u>, a New York medical malpractice/personal injury law firm, announces that it has secured a substantial settlement for a client whose doctors failed to diagnose and treat his urinary tract cancer for multiple years, despite having knowledge of his troubling symptoms and medical history.

Blood in the urine, in a man, is cancer until proven otherwise. In 2018, the patient began to notice blood in his urine. He went to the defendant doctor, who ordered cystoscopies, prostate biopsies, and CT scans. He was referred to a urologist and was diagnosed with kidney stones. The patient was not satisfied with his diagnosis and continued to seek help from the defendant doctor. Over the course of two years, the patient's symptoms worsened and he continued to have testing done. His doctors told him that kidney stones and an enlarged prostate caused the bleeding and that he "just has to live with it."

The patient turned to an experienced urologist, who performed a basic urologic study – which had been skipped by the prior providers – called a retrograde pyelogram. This doctor found a lemon-sized cancerous tumor. The tumor was so large that it had to have been there when the prior doctors saw this patient, and they had to have missed it on their evaluations. The kidney was completely blocked and the patient needed to undergo surgery as soon as possible. The left kidney and ureter were surgically removed, and the patient received chemotherapy for his cancer. Due to the delay in the diagnosis, however, the patient's chances for a recurrence of his cancer are greatly increased.

The <u>Pegalis Law Group</u> consulted experts in urology, oncology and radiology who, along with the firm's experienced medical malpractice lawyers, were able to demonstrate that – had the defendant doctors provided the standard level of care by timely ordering or performing the retrograde pyelogram – the patient's cancer would have been diagnosed and treated years earlier and his chances for cancer-free survival greatly improved.

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