CCS Oncology and its related practices which at one time employed 60 physicians and a workforce of 181 employees filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, two weeks after a federal district court judge granted Bank of America the right to seize CCS' assets. The filing follows a raid of all locations by FBI agents who did not remove patient records but made copies of all records that are on the practice's computer servers. The declaration in the bankruptcy filing notes how finances faltered due to rapid acquisition of practice beyond cancer care, as well as the decision by Independent Health dropped CCS Oncology from its network effective January 1, 2017. Effective April 13, 2018 the Court appointed a bankruptcy trustee as well as an ombudsman who were given the authority to notify all patients that CCS would close all sites and discontinue patient care at 5 PM on April 27, 2018. The MSCE was contacted by the NYSDOH and assisted in providing information on which physicians would be willing to accept patients requiring medical or radiation oncology services. This information was then included in the letter that was sent to the patients.

The OB/GYN community has had reimbursement issues from Amerigroup, BC/BS of WNY's Medicaid Managed Care/CHIP program, which include IUD denials, OB ultrasound denials since the new ICD-10 codes were attached to code Z36, deliveries denied as "maximum benefits met". Even with claims being submitted with all supporting documentation and additional information (including the manufacturer's instruction on which code to use), denials are still being received. Several different reasons for denial on the same claim are not uncommon. On March 27, 2018, a meeting was held with representatives of Amerigroup at MSCE. Amerigroup committed to reviewing the Z codes to have them included in their policy and added to their database for claims processing, however, that process is lengthy; allowing for claim denials in the interim. Amerigroup had committed to running batch reports of denials for OB/GYN's and gave a timeframe of 30 days, or April 27, 2018. When the date had passed without resolution, a follow up letter was sent to Steve Nelson, Director of Network Relations at Amerigroup from an OB/GYN office affected by non-payments. Mr. Nelson did not offer any indication of a resolution forthcoming.

Doctor Gale Burstein, chair of the MSCE Public Health Committee and the Commissioner of Health for Erie County recently participated in a panel discussion related to addiction in the workplace. Presented by Business First in conjunction with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of WNY and BestSelf, the presentation focused on the need for employers to identify services that are available to their workforce through EAP programs. However, concern was voices that some small employers may not have EAP services available to their staff, and requested information how this absence of service could be addressed. The other issue is increased demand for services for family members, who are absent from work or distracted – which leads to decreased productivity in the workplace.

Ms. Nadolny attended a luncheon meeting sponsored by LRANY (Lawsuit Reform Alliance of NY) on April 18, 2018 in Buffalo. Representatives from local financial and insurance groups, the executive director of the Construction Exchange and the President of Trocaire College met with Tom Stebbins. The reason for the luncheon was to allow invited guests to make a few statements related to increasing costs due to liability coverage and then open up for discussion the opportunity to create regional boards across the State (first target areas for LRANY are Buffalo and NYC). The expectation is that with regional boards, LRANY membership and support for liability reform would increase, as would participation in their PAC. During the upcoming months they plan to target defense attorneys, medical professionals, small business and general public, with the express hope that professional organizations would encourage their members to join LRANY. A copy of the materials which they distributed are included with this report.

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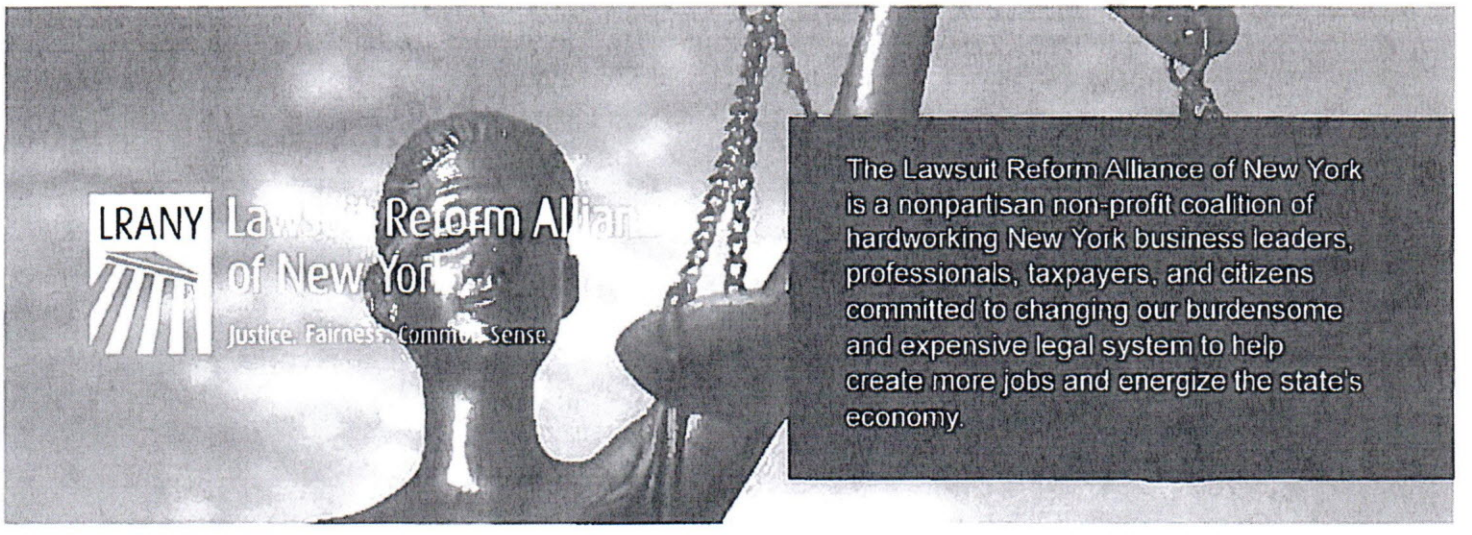

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As the only exclusively legal reform- focused advocacy group in New York, LRANY is leading the fight for common sense lawsuit reform.

LRANY is made up of an engaged and active grassroots base of thousands of members and supporters, as well as industry leaders, local and national businesses, legal professionals, healthcare providers, and nonprofit advocacy organizations.

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Looking Forward

Back in 2012, the LRANY board met to map out a 5-year strategic plan for the organization. The plan included the formation of a 501(c)(3) research arm, the development of a Political Action Committee, and the creation of an amicus program. In the past five years, we have accomplished all of those goals, and so much more. We look forward to compiling a new 5-year plan, and another five years of success and growth.

With the completion of the goals set out in 2012, LRANY begins the next chapter with a new set of targets to conquer in the coming years. We look forward to continuing to develop our member base and influence meaningful change that would not be possible without the support of our loyal members and allies.

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