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Fax Filling (310) 734-1525 Fax: 4 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA MAY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRIPOTOR TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA MAY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRIPOTOR TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CEN 5 Attorneys for Defendant Susan Walker 6 7 8 9 10 CASE NO. BC 462605 AARON FILLER, M.D., PHD, an individual; 11 AARON FILLER, M.D., PHD, APC, a California Professional Corporation; IMAGE-BASED SURGICENTER CORPORATION, a ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S 12 California Corporation; and NEUROGRAHY MOTION TO STRIKE COMPLAINT INSTITUTE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, a PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CODE 13 California Corporation; OF CIVIL PROCEDURE §425.16 14 Plaintiffs. 15 V. 16 April 19, 2012 Date: Time: 8:30 a.m. SUSAN WALKER, an individual; and DOES 17 I to 25, inclusive, Dept: 48 18 Defendants. 19 20 21 The Motion of Defendant SUSAN WALKER for an Order Striking Plaintiff's Complaint 22 Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16 came on for hearing on April 19, 23 2012 in Department 48 of the above-captioned Court. Niloo Savis, Esq., counsel of SAVIS LAW 24 appeared for Defendant SUSAN WALKER. Aaron P. Morris, Esq. of Morris & Stone appeared 25 on behalf of Plaintiffs AARON FILLER, M.D., PHD; AARON FILLER, M.D., PHD. APC; 26

IMAGE-BASED SURGICENTER CORPORATION, and NEUROGRAHY INSTITUTE

Having read the moving and opposing pleadings filed by the parties and having heard argument of counsel, the Court finds that Plaintiff's causes of action for defamation and interference with prospective economic advantage arise out of Defendant's "act in furtherance of a person's right of petition or free speech under the United States or California Constitution in connection with a public issue," pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16, and Plaintiffs did not establish a probably of prevailing on either the defamation or the interference with prospective economic advantage causes of action in the Complaint.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- Defendant Susan Walker's Motion to Strike Portions of Plaintiffs' Complaint
 Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16 is granted.
- 2. Thereby. Defendant Susan Walker's Demurrer to and Motion to Strike portions of Complaint are thereby moot.
- 3. Plaintiff's entire Complaint, including both causes of action for defamation and interference with prospective economic advantage, are hereby stricken.
- 4. Defendant is entitled to file a Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16(c).

Date: 5/8 .2012

The Honorable Elizabeth Allen White

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I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California; I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 200, Los Angeles, California 90067.

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DEFENDANT SUSAN WALKER'S REPLY TO PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO NOTICE OF MOTION TO STRIKE COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO C.C.P. §425.16

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

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