

Benitez v. North Coast Women's Care Medical Group, et. al.

San Diego Superior Court Case No. GIC 770165

Joint Statement of the Parties Upon Settlement of the Case

“The parties have reached a mutually satisfactory settlement of the litigation for an undisclosed sum of money. Guadalupe Benitez and her spouse Joanne Clark initiated the lawsuit because they felt that the defendants treated Ms. Benitez differently due to her sexual orientation. The defendants are sincerely sorry that Ms. Benitez and Ms. Clark have felt this way, and have never meant to treat Ms. Benitez with disrespect. Defendants want all of their patients, including those who are lesbian and gay, to feel welcome and accepted in their medical practice, and are committed to treating all of their patients with equal dignity and respect in the context of the highest quality medical care.

After nine years of costly litigation, which involved many personal, professional and emotional sacrifices, all parties are pleased that the litigation has concluded amicably.”

Guadalupe T. Benitez,
Plaintiff

Christine Z. Brody, M.D.,
Defendant

Douglas K. Fenton, M.D.,
Defendant