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Schara Family Speaks Out After Jury Sides With Hospital in Wrongful Death Suit

“For those with ears to hear, they saw for the first time what’s behind the curtain.”

With these words Scott Schara opened today’s press conference following his lawsuit against Ascension Health and St. Elizabeth Hospital, where his daughter, Grace, [died in 2021](#). He appeared with his wife, Cindy; daughter Jessica Vander Heiden; and two of the attorneys who worked on the case, Warner Mendenhall and Joe Voiland.

Scott began by thanking everyone who helped along the way, and said that, though he is disappointed, he knows God is in control of the situation and will bring good out of evil.

“We were up against the system,” he said, speaking of both medical-industrial and legal-industrial complexes. “I knew what we were getting into.” He explained that the Wisconsin state Legislature years ago placed a \$750,000 cap on medical malpractice claims. He had hoped to take the case to the state Supreme Court so that cap could be removed.

“The cap makes it so cases like this can’t come to trial,” he noted. “A case like this takes over \$1 million, and the maximum an attorney can earn from one is \$250,000.”

On the other side of the coin, the state requires the medical establishment to have insurance, which pays the legal bills.

At 19 years old, Grace was considered an adult, though she had Down syndrome and therefore had the mental capacity of a 12-year-old, as testified during the trial. Regardless, since Grace had no husband or children, the Scharas could not file for “loss of companionship.” Scott called this an “anti-Christ” legal system.

Cindy also addressed the crowd, calling the legal defeat “heartbreaking.” She said she expected the jury to see “what they did” to her daughter in the hospital. Cindy stood up for special needs individuals as valuable and caring. “This jury deliberating as quickly as they did, did not give Grace the respect she deserved,” she said. “The judge took longer to go through the instructions than [the jury] did to deliberate.” She pointed out that “none of us would have survived” the concoction of meds administered to her daughter shortly before she died. She also noted that Dr. Gavin Shokar, who treated Grace in the hospital, is from Canada, where euthanasia is legal. Lastly, she warned attendees that the government has many incentives for the medical establishment to continue its current trajectory. “We have to be strong and stand firm,” she said.

Grace’s sister, Jessica, stepped up to the microphone next. “Grace saved me,” she said. “She saved



The Schara family at their press conference



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myself and my family. We have come to know the Lord through this. I never would have asked her to do that, but she did." Jessica's tearful statement included a letter written by a friend in Grace's voice, "To the Jury of Twelve from a Daughter in Heaven." The letter asked the jury to consider the evidence carefully. "My life mattered," it read. "No one had a right to silence my voice or theirs [her family]." It continued, "What they seek is not revenge. It's truth and accountability ... a promise that no one else will have to watch their children die. Let my story mean something. With love from heaven, Grace."

Scott then introduced his legal team, bragging about how much of their time and talent they had donated to the case. Mendenhall noted that the case has helped evince the collaboration of government, medicine, and industry in using fear to strip rights away from Americans. "You sign your rights away when you go into a hospital. You consent to everything, including DNR (Do Not Resuscitate). They can make the decision because of 'futility.'"

"Protocols are taking away the doctor-patient relationship and destroying the art of medicine," he added. He said that should a doctor try to step outside the bounds set by government, his funding will be denied.

Mendenhall concluded by saying that representing the Scharas has been "one of the greatest honors" in his life.

A lengthy question and answer session followed, during which Scott did some simple math. Pointing out just one dissenting juror among the 12, he calculated that as eight percent - roughly equivalent to the percentage of the general population who have taken their blinders off in regard to Covid and the medical establishment.

You can view the entire press conference at the video link below.

The New American has livestreamed the entire case, which began on June 3, after a day of jury selection on the 2nd. You can view each day's proceedings [here](#).



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