

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Mark A. McLeod, Guardian of the Estate of Walter Hollins,	:	Case No. 06-1247
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Appellee,	:	On Appeal from the Cuyahoga County Court of Appeals, Eighth Appellate District
v.	:	
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Mt. Sinai Medical Center,	:	Court of Appeals
	:	Case Nos. 04-85286, 04-85574, & 04-85605 (Consolidated)
and	:	
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Ronald Jordan, M.D. and Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. f/k/a Hough-Norwood,	:	
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Appellants.	:	

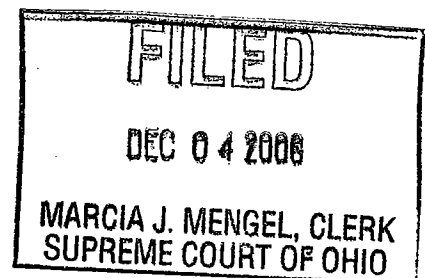
**BRIEF OF AMICI CURIAE,
THE OHIO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION,
THE OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, AND
THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
IN SUPPORT OF APPELLANTS**

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When the jury renders an excessive verdict after hearing surprise testimony suggesting damages exceeding those supported by plaintiff’s expert reports, and after a trial and closing argument pervaded by attacks on the defendants and appeals to religion, race, and economics, a trial judge does not abuse his discretion by concluding that the verdict is influenced by passion and prejudice requiring a new trial rather than <i>remittitur</i>		3
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