

DOCKET NO. CV-09-5033392 : SUPERIOR COURT  
GARY BLICK, M.D. and  
RONALD M. LEVINE, M.D. : JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF  
V. : HARTFORD at HARTFORD  
OFFICE OF THE DIVISION OF  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, et al. : JUNE 1, 2010

**MEMORANDUM OF DECISION ON MOTION TO DISMISS**

This is an action for declaratory and injunctive relief by two Connecticut physicians who ask this court to allow them to engage in physician-assisted suicide. Specifically, the physicians ask this court to order the defendant State's Attorneys not to prosecute them, or any other physician, for manslaughter under Connecticut General Statutes § 53a-56 if they provide "aid in dying" by prescribing lethal medication to competent, terminally ill patients to enable those patients to kill themselves.

Connecticut General Statutes § 53a-56(a) provides that "[a] person is guilty of manslaughter in the second degree when . . . (2) he intentionally causes or aids another person, other than by force, duress or deception, to commit suicide."

The defendants have moved to dismiss the action on the grounds that: (1) the plaintiffs'

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