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Maine West Hazing Lawsuit to Proceed

Next court date will be December 18 in fight for justice for student athletes

CHICAGO (October 15, 2013)--A Cook County Circuit Court Judge on Tuesday ruled that the civil litigation in the Maine West hazing scandal will proceed, and that the next court date will be December 18.

Attorneys for defendants in the case had filed a motion to dismiss. The judge's granting of that motion was "a technical ruling, as opposed to a substantive one," said lead plaintiff attorney Antonio Romanucci. Instead, the case will move forward, with an amendment to the plaintiffs' complaint, according to Romanucci.

Romanucci said his team at Romanucci & Blandin, LLC will amend the complaint to "make the allegations more definite and certain with respect to the roles of the Maine West District 207 School Board and Principal Audrey Haugan," who are both named as defendants in the suit. "We'll also remove extraneous language that is no longer necessary. Using the updated complaint, we will proceed on December 18, and our case will be stronger than ever," he said.

Five student athletes who were brutally assaulted as part of hazing rituals for sports teams at Maine West High School have filed suit against Maine West High School District 207, Principal Haugan and two coaches.

"We will not stop this quest for justice for these young men, who were sexually and physically assaulted while school personnel stood idly by," said Romanucci. "The adults who were complicit in creating this culture of misconduct must be held to account for their actions."

For more information about the Maine West hazing lawsuit, or to request an interview with attorney Antonio Romanucci, please contact Joanna Klonsky at [312-307-0840](tel:312-307-0840).

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