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OPIOID EXPOSED AND DEPENDENT BABIES SEEK REPRESENTATION ON INSYS CREDITORS COMMITTEE IN DELAWARE TOMORROW

On Wednesday, June 19, at the Doubletree Hotel in Wilmington, Delaware, representatives of nearly two-thirds of all children born in the U.S. opioid-dependent due to prescription opioid use by their mother will seek to become members of the creditors' committee formed after Insys Therapeutics, Inc. filed for bankruptcy as a result of opioid litigation.

Attorneys Kevin Thompson of West Virginia will represent the 34 states where class-actions on behalf of babies diagnosed with Neo-Natal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) due to opioid exposure in the womb.

"These babies are without fault and without a voice to protect their interests," said Attorney Don Creadore, working with Mr. Thompson through the Opioid Justice Team. "We seek full recovery for their life-long injuries and future needs as a result of the drug manufacturers, distributors and marketers wanton and reckless promotion of prescription opioids to the American public."

Part of a legal-medical partnership on behalf of opioid-dependent babies and children of prescription-opioid using mothers in the United States, the attorneys will represent the babies' interests as InSys seeks reorganization in bankruptcy court.

Insys Therapeutics, Inc filed a [petition for relief](#) under chapter 11 in the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (Lead Case No. 19-11292), along with six of its affiliates as a result of "unsustainable" litigation expenses related to the "opioid crisis," and are seeking to commence a post-petition sale of their assets.

[Statistics](#) that have been compiled by the Centers for Disease Control document that first-year Medicaid costs for opioid-exposed infants are approximately \$238,000 and the annual costs to hospital Neo-natal Intensive Care Units has increased fivefold to nearly \$316 million a year in less than a decade for NAS babies. These estimates do not cover costs borne by family caregivers or foster-care institutions caring for the infants over their lifetimes.

"Since it is estimated by [our medical experts](#) that an opioid-exposed child is born to one-third of all pregnant women in the U.S., we continue to push aggressively for these children," said Attorney Creadore.

For more information, visit www.opioidjusticeteam.com. Attorney Creadore will be touring upstate New York June 19-21, holding town hall meetings with local non-profits and residents about the scope of America's opioid epidemic.