:kowsky || REPLYMEM ROGER JON DIAMOND 2115 Main Street Santa Monica, CA 90405 (310) 399-3259 (310) 392-9029 Fax 3 State Bar No. 40146 4 Attorney for Petitioner 5 6 7 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 9 10 GIL N. MILEIKOWSKY, M.D. CASE NO: BS079131 11 Petitioner, 12 vs. TRIAL 13 TENET HEALTHSYSTEM, ENCINO -TARZANA REGIONAL MEDICAL DATE: 14 CENTER, A CALIFORNIA TIME: CORPORATION AND DOES 1 PLACE: 15 THROUGH 100 INCLUSIVE, 16 Respondents 17 Challenge) 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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hospitals. For example, he relied upon Applebaum v. Board of Directors, 104 Cal.App.3d 648(1980), where the trial court granted the petition of a physician to compel a private hospital to restore the physician's staff privileges. The trial court's ruling was upheld by the State Court of Appeal, which ruled that the procedure followed by the hospital violated the physician's fair procedure rights to an impartial tribunal. One of the significant things involving the Appelebaum decision is that it involved a private hospital. Likewise, in Rosner v. Eden Township Hospital Dis., (1962) 58 Cal.2d, the California Supreme Court overturned the exclusion of a physician from a hospital who was allegedly "not temperamentally suitable...." In so doing, the Rosner Court stated:

"[A] hospital ... should not be permitted to adopt standards for the exclusion of doctors from the use of its hospital which are so vague and ambiguous as to provide a substantial danger of arbitrary discrimination in their application. asserting their views as to proper treatment and hospital practices, many physicians will become involved in a certain amount of dispute and friction, and a determination that such common occurrences have more than their usual significance and show temperamental unsuitability for hospital practice of one of the doctors is of necessity highly conjectural. In these circumstances there is a danger that the requirement of temperamental suitability will be applied as a subterfuge where consideration having no relevance to fitness are present. It may be noted that Dr. Rosner opposed election to the board of directors of a slate of candidates endorsed by members of the medical staff and that he has apparently testified for plaintiffs in malpractice cases. (58 Cal.2d at 598-99).

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More recently in Rosenblit v. Superior Court, 231 Cal.App.3d 1434 (1991) the California Court of Appeal held that the hospital had deprived him of a fair hearing. In this particular case the Court of Appeal had to reverse the trial court because the trial court had rejected the physician's petition. Again, the Rosenblit case is another example of the appellate courts' concern with fair procedures for doctors with respect to staff privileges. See also Khajavi v. Feather River Anesthesia Medical Group, 84 Cal.App. 4th 32 (2000) where the Court of Appeal held that Business and Professions Code Section 2056 "should be construed as its texts reads: to provide that the termination or penalization of a physician 'principally for advocating for medically appropriate health care... violates the public policy of this state...." The California legislature has recognized that "Peer review which is not conducted fairly results in harm both to patients and healing arts practitioners by limiting access to care. (Business & Professions Code Section 809).

We now come to the most recent case dealing with fair procedure. Although the case, <u>Nightlife Partners</u>, <u>Ltd. v. City of Beverly Hills</u>, 108 Cal.App.4th 81; 133 Cal.Rptr.2d 234 (2003) does not involve a hospital, the fundamental issue of fairness directly applies to this case.

Coincidentally, the <u>Nightlife Partners</u> case began in a fashion similar to what began the litigation between Dr. Mileikowsky and Tenet - the refusal to allow a reapplication form to be submitted. This Honorable Court will recall that the litigation between Dr. Mileikowsky and Tenet began when the hospital refused to allow Dr. Mileikowsky to