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President's Message

James T. Guille, MD

It is hard to believe that the Eastern Orthopaedic Association (EOA) is entering its 48th year. I can remember, like it was yesterday, attending my first meeting and nervously presenting my first paper. It was in 2000 at Orlando's Grand Floridian Hotel, Dr. Lee Osterman's meeting. Dr. Paul Lachiewicz moderated the session and went easy on me! A few years ago, I caught Paul in the hallway at our meeting and recounted the story, and we laughed. This is why the EOA is such a special venue, having the opportunity to present one's research in a welcoming environment and remembering the event years later having made new life-long friends.

Last year's 47th Annual Meeting in New Orleans was a great success. It was one of our best attended meetings yet, due to a stellar academic program led by Program Chair Marc Levine, MD, and meeting venue led by Geoffrey Westrich, MD and his wife Ellen. We learned of a lifetime of wisdom from Presidential Guest Speaker Thomas Sculco, MD and were entertained by political commentator Howard Steel Lecturer James Carville.

I look forward to our 48th Annual Meeting in Miami this October. Hotel venue will be the Loews South Beach. This site on the beach provides proximity to local shopping and day trips, as well as the famous South Beach nightlife. Mary Boden, MD and her Social Committee are planning day trips for local site seeing and deep sea fishing on Saturday. Academically, Program Chair Richard Wilk, MD has put forth yet another phenomenal schedule. Our goal is to have the formal meeting program end by 1pm each day, so that attendees may enjoy their time away from work and socialize with family and friends. Optional academic opportunities will be available each afternoon for diehard learners. My Presidential Guest Speaker will be J. Richard Bowen, MD, who will talk about the importance of mentorship. The Howard Steel Lecture will be Mr. Dick Yuengling, Jr., who owns and runs the oldest beer brewery in the United States with his family.

In today's demanding economic world, it can be difficult for one to decide where and when to donate to good causes. The Eastern Orthopaedic Educational Fund (EOEF), a non-profit organization, was founded by Chitranjan Ranawat, MD



in 1998. Each year, the fund provides monetary assistance, in the form of travel grants, to residents in need of financial assistance to attend the Annual Meeting to present their research and to residents with the highest scoring abstracts to recognize their achievement. The fund also provides financial support for educational endeavors of the EOA. I strongly recommend that all of you give your deepest consideration to donating any amount to this worthwhile cause.

In the future we look forward to our 49th Annual Meeting being held in October 2018 at Amelia Island under the leadership of Javad Parvizi, MD. October 2019 will bring our 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting tentatively scheduled for The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida under the guidance of then President John Kelly, MD.

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Register Today for the 48th Annual Meeting

Register today for the Eastern Orthopaedic Association's Annual Meeting, October 18-21, 2017 at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel in Miami Beach, FL.



EOA's Annual Meeting is one of the leading meetings for orthopaedists practicing in the East. The Scientific Program will be developed by the Program Committee to present timely reviews of practice-related procedures and clinical research findings in orthopaedic surgery through accepted key

abstracts and nationally recognized speakers.

Loews Miami Beach Hotel is located in the "heart" of South Beach, directly on the Atlantic Ocean. Miami Beach is seen as a trend-setting arts and entertainment Mecca, and a shopping and cultural wonder by visitors, world travelers, celebrities and locals alike.

We look forward to seeing you in Miami this fall.

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President's Message continued...

To close, on a personal note, I am extremely proud to serve as your 48th President. I can remember attending my first Board Meeting in 2005 in Washington, DC and feeling so green. Over the years I have grown professionally and have learned so much working with the Board of Directors of the EOA. Be assured, we have a

great group of leaders dedicated to making the EOA the best orthopaedic association out there!

Sincerely,

James T. Guille, MD
President of Eastern Orthopaedic Association

Meet Our New Board Member



Anil S. Ranawat, MD
New York, NY

Dr. Anil Ranawat is an Associate Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Hospital for Special Surgery and Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College. He is currently the Sports Medicine Fellowship Director and Medical Director for the physician assistants. He also is the Assistant Team Physician for the New York Mets and Orthopedic Sports Medicine Consultant for the New York Rangers.

His clinical and research interests are focused on joint-preservation surgery of the knee and hip, an area of expertise in which he excelled while dedicating himself to two years of additional training at the University of Pittsburgh and Schulthess Klinik in Switzerland, respectively.

Dr. Ranawat has a deep interest in robotic surgery, partial knee replacement and mobile-bearing technology.

Dr. Ranawat began his academic study at Duke University, where he attained numerous academic honors. Later, he would begin his medical training at Weill Medical College of Cornell University and would continue his training at Hospital for Special Surgery. Throughout his career, some of the accolades that Dr. Ranawat has received include the T. Campbell Thompson Award for Excellence in Orthopedic Surgery, the Jean C. McDaniel Resident Teaching Award at Hospital for Special Surgery, the Maurice Müller European Traveling Hip Fellowship and the AAOS Washington Health Policy Fellowship. The latter is evidence of Dr. Ranawat's commitment to providing quality care for all patients, a mission encompassed by his interest in health policy initiatives.

Membership Update

EOA has enjoyed a 92% renewal rate of Active members this year and would like to encourage you to get your colleagues to join and attend the meetings. Just so you know, new members receive free registration to their first Annual Meeting and all EOA members have the opportunity to receive 50+ CME credits each year. CME credits are available through the Annual Meeting; the Self-Assessment Exam, which is accessible anytime during the year; and the complimentary subscription of the Journal of Surgical Orthopaedic Advances. The 48th Annual Meeting, October 18-21, 2017 at The Loews in Miami Beach, FL is a great place to see your membership in action. The EOA Annual Meeting is perfect for residents/fellows to

present their research and have a chance to receive one of the 16 resident/fellow awards given out during the meeting. EOA's Meeting has a strong educational program and plenty of social and recreational activities scheduled during non-CME times. Dr. Richard M. Wilk is the Program Chairman and he is planning an interesting and exciting scientific program. There will be leading-edge symposia from orthopaedic experts, scientific papers and spirited discussions. Rapid Fire presentations will be on the schedule again and are a popular feature of the meeting and provide fast and stimulating presentations. EOA membership is a great deal and only gets better with your involvement.

The EOA Mission

The purpose of the EOA shall be to promote, encourage, foster and advance the art of science and orthopaedic surgery and matters related thereto, and to establish a forum for free discussion and teaching of orthopaedic methods and principles among the members.



In Memory of EOA Past President Robert N. Richards Sr., MD

Robert N. Richards Sr., MD of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania passed away on Friday, May 13, 2016. He was the ninth President of the Eastern Orthopaedic Association in 1978.

Born in Glenolden, PA on July 9, 1922 to Jane Shaw and Arthur Richards. He graduated from Glenolden High School, Pennsylvania Military College and Temple Medical School. During his Orthopaedic Residency he married Mary Lou Ford and started a family. He practiced medicine in Greenville, PA before moving to Chambersburg in 1953, where he started his own practice. He was the first and only Orthopaedic Surgeon in the region. He also volunteered his time to administer the polio vaccine, during the epidemic of that disease to area students.

Dr. Richards is US Army veteran of World War II and the first surgeon to perform total hip

replacement in a non-teaching hospital in the state of Pennsylvania. He also opened a free Shriners Crippled Children's Clinic in his Chambersburg office. Over the years, the clinic benefited hundreds of underprivileged crippled children with orthopaedic deformities. He coordinated and directed a Pennsylvania State Crippled Children's Clinic in Chambersburg for over 25 years. He volunteered his time as a diving coach at the Chambersburg YMCA and was a past recipient of the YMCA Service to Youth Award, and the Eldon Nuernberger Lifetime Service Award. He also covered the Chambersburg Trojan football games.

An avid volunteer he dedicated many hours of his time to the youth in the community. Since 1976, he was the official team doctor for the Shippensburg University Football Team and Sports Medicine Program. In 2007, he was inducted into the Shippensburg University Athletic Hall of Fame. He and his wife established the "Dr. Bob and Mary Lou Richards Scholar-

ship Fund" given each year to a football player. During his retirement, he continued to give back to the Shriners Hospital through his love of music. He played the trombone for the Sahib Shrine Banjo Jazz Band in Sarasota, Florida, donating the proceeds to the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital. He just recently retired from volunteering weekly at the Chambersburg Hospital after many years of service.

During his medical career, he was a compassionate physician, dedicated to the field of medicine, in the preventive, diagnostic, and surgical art of patient care, as well as a humanitarian and fine gentleman. He was put to rest on Saturday May 21st 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Chambersburg, PA. He lost his beloved wife, Mary Lou, in 2008 after 62 years of marriage. He is survived by his brother, his 4 children 15 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.



In Memory of James E. Holmblad, MD

James E. Holmblad, MD, age 95, passed away quietly at his home in the Stockade, NY on February 5th. He was an active member of EOA since 1972. He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Evelyn, three children, 5 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Born in Chicago, IL, he was an athlete at West Aurora High School, lettering in football and track. He was an Eagle Scout and remained active in scouting for many years. He attended Lake Forest College in Illinois, then transferred to the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He interned at Cook County Hospital in Chicago then served for 2 years as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Army Air Corps stationed in

Goose Bay, Labrador. Upon his return he completed specialty training in orthopedics at Cook County Hospital then accepted a 1 yr. fellowship in Pediatric Orthopedics with Dr. William Gazeley at Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital in Schenectady. He joined the practice of Drs. William Gazeley and Wyllys Dunham, which over the years grew into what is now Schenectady Regional Orthopedics. Over the course of his life Dr. Holmblad volunteered his services in various ways from seeing children with scoliosis at clinics in Saranac and Malone to helping out his church then known as Trinity United Methodist. Once retired from SRO, he volunteered at the Volunteer Physicians Project until it closed, seeing people with back and joint problems who were otherwise unable to afford care.

He was a longtime member of the American Medical Association, Schenectady County Medical Society, American Academy of Orthopedics, The Scoliosis Research Society, Lamplighters Orthopedic Association, and was a Clinical Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Albany Medical College. He was an energetic, competitive man who remained active until the end of his life.

Donations can be made in his name to Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation (sunnyviewfoundation.org) or the Scoliosis Research Society's Research Education Outreach Fund (srs.org).

Eastern Orthopaedic Education Foundation

Contributions for the Eastern Orthopaedic Education Foundation (EOEF) are strong and continue to grow. Every year the EOEF provides funds to EOA for educational projects at the Annual Meeting and opportunities for Residents and Fellows.

There are several channels through which to give your tax deductible contributions. If you would like to make a gift to the EOEF, please call Dr.

Chit Ranawat or Chuck Freitag or simply send your check to the EOEF today. Make checks payable to EOEF and mail to EOEF, 110 West Road, Suite 227, Towson, MD 21204.

We appreciate your continued support of the EOEF and would like to thank you for your generosity this past year. If you haven't contributed to EOEF previously, please start this year and make it an annual tradition.



Recap of the 47th Annual Meeting

The 47th Annual Meeting in fun filled New Orleans was an tremendous success, with an excellent scientific program planned by Program Chair Dr. Marc J. Levine and the EOA Program Committee.

The first day included the enlightening Presidential Address by Dr. Geoffrey Westrich 'What I Have Learned Over the Past 20 Years: Orthopedic Surgery, Family, and Fishing!', and the Special Guest Speaker Georgia Congressman Thomas E. Price, MD. The Howard Steel Guest Lecturer James Carville, "The Ragin' Cajun" and America's best-known political consultant, was very entertaining with his presentation 'James Carville Looks at Politics and the 2016 Race for the White House'. The Presidential Guest Speaker Dr. Thomas P. Sculco also gave a thought provoking presentation "New Technology: Can We Afford It?"

The meeting kicked off with a Welcome Reception at Mardi Gras World that included music, street performers and Mardi Gras floats galore. Everyone enjoyed the delicious Cajun food and the sights, all while getting a chance to visit with old friends and colleagues. The following eve-



ning began with the Exhibitor Reception before everyone went out on their own to enjoy the sights and sounds of New Orleans. The meeting was brought to a close with the Jazz Band Reception and the Founders Dinner Dance featuring the mesmerizing magic by Oz.

It was a wonderful meeting and we express our thanks to all who attended. If you missed it, view the 2016 New Orleans pictures on the EOA website (www.eoa-assn.org) and see what a great time it was!

We look forward to seeing you at the Loew's Miami Beach Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida, October 18-21, 2017!

Future Meetings



48th Annual Meeting
October 18-21, 2017
Loew's Miami Beach
Miami Beach, FL



49th Annual Meeting
October 17-20, 2018
Omni Amelia Island
Amelia Island, FL

2016 Resident/Fellow Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following 2016 EOA Award Recipients. The award papers were presented during the Scientific Program in New Orleans.

Founders' Award

Differential Effects Of External Beam Irradiation On The Cellular Mechanisms Of Fracture Healing
Robert E. Holmes, MD, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Ranawat Award

Surgery Delays Fracture Healing in a Novel Translational Animal Fracture Model
Alejandro Marquez-Lara, MD, Wake Forest School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC

*Richmond Arthroscopy/Sports Medicine Award (New Award)

Biceps Tenodesis: Tendon-to-Bone vs. Tendon-to-Tendon Healing In A Rat Model
Ekaterina Urch, MD, Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, NY

Resident Awards

Medial Uni Arthroplasty: Avoiding Failure With Correct Alignment- 8-Year Follow-Up
Adriana Jimenez-Gonzalez, MD, Orthopaedic Foundation, Stamford, CT

A Novel Mouse Model To Replicate Human Lumbar Disc Herniation And Radiculopathy
Xudong Li, MD, PhD, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Postoperative Pain Following Posterior Iliac Crest Bone Graft Harvesting In Spine Surgery: A Randomized Trial

Grant D. Shifflett, MD, Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, NY

EOA/OREF Resident Travel Grant Awards

Hemiarthroplasty Versus Total Shoulder Arthroplasty For Shoulder Osteoarthritis: A Matched Comparison Of Return To Sports

Grant H. Garcia, MD, Hospital For Special Surgery, New York, NY

Arthroscopic Ankle Arthrodesis: A Long Term Follow Up Study

Christopher R. Jones, MD, The Southeast Permanente Medical Group, Athens, GA

Prospective Evaluation Of The Posterior Tissue Envelope After Anterior THA

Alexander S. McLawhorn, MD, MBA, Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, NY

Resident Travel Grant Awards

Agility Total Ankle Arthroplasty: Midterm Follow-Up Outcome Study

David M. Beck, MD, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Critical Findings On MR-Arthrogram In Posterior Shoulder Instability

Joseph W. Galvin, DO, Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA

How Should We Define Clinically Meaningful Benefit After Hip Arthroscopy?

Benedict Nwachukwu, MD, MBA, Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, NY

The Effect Of Exercise On Tibial Plateau Cartilage Morphology

Kwadwo A. Owusu-Akyaw, MD, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC

Recurrent Hallux Valgus: 15 Year Single Surgeon Series

Andrew G. Park, MD, Thomas Jefferson University, Pennsylvania, PA

Complications And Readmissions After Lumbar Spine Surgery In Elderly Patients

Ahmed Saleh, MD, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

The Old Dog But A New Trick! At Last A Serum Marker For Diagnosis Of Periprosthetic Joint Infection

Alisina Shahi, MD, The Rothman Institute at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA

NJOS Travel Grant Awards

The Cost Of Orthopaedic Trauma Implants: Perception Versus Reality

Mark Ayoub, MD, Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ

Reliability Of Soong Grade For Volar Plate Position

Megan Lisset Jimenez, DO, Inspire Health Network, Vineland, NJ

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Dispelling the #1 Myth of Asset Protection: Why You Can Lose Assets in a Medical Malpractice Lawsuit

David Mandell, JD, MBA & Jason O'Dell, MS, CWM

As an attorney (David) and consultants (both) to over 1,000 physicians, we encounter many misconceptions about asset protection planning. In this article, we will address the most important of all misconceptions regarding asset protection: that this area of planning is not important. The thinking of many physicians around the country, and unfortunately their advisors as well, is that there is little to any risk of a physician losing personal assets in a malpractice claim, especially if there is \$1-3 million malpractice insurance coverage.

There are a number of key issues in this analysis to review. We will take each one individually:

1. Finding proper data is difficult

Those of you who have spoken to us, or read our book *For Doctors Only* or other articles, know that we are not people who use extremes. Like you, we like to see data before making judgments or forming opinions. However in this area, tracking how many physicians lose personal assets in malpractice actions is very difficult, if not impossible to obtain. That is because the legal system publishes filed cases and judgments rendered, but they do not publish the collections of those judgments.

There are no reporters that publish what happens once a judgment is rendered. Did the plaintiff, with a judgment in excess of coverage limits, simply settle for the amount of the medical malpractice insurance? Did the plaintiff and his attorney pursue the personal assets of the physician and his family to satisfy any excess judgments? These are questions for which there are no answers in the published materials.

Every week in the malpractice reports we review, there are dozens of malpractice actions decided in

the states where we practice. Although most decisions are for the physician defendant, there are some small judgments and some very large judgments for the plaintiff. This may be the same in your location as well. Nonetheless, we can only hypothesize about what will occur once these very large judgments are rendered. It seems that many physicians and their advisors simply assume that their plaintiffs in these cases will walk away from very large judgments and simple settle for the malpractice insurance coverage. Let's look at a couple of reasons why this may not be so.

2. Payments, Not Evictions

A common theme in speaking to physicians, including orthopaedic surgeons, and their advisors around the country on this topic seems to be that "I have never personally heard of anyone losing their home to a lawsuit," and therefore the conclusion is that it doesn't happen. However, if one understands the goal of litigation and the plaintiffs, this certainly isn't surprising. What does occur instead of eviction, is that the plaintiff with the judgment will file a lien on real estate, levy bank accounts, and essentially put levies or liens on any assets of the physician to the amount of the judgment owed to them. The goal is not to kick the physician out of their home, but to make the doctor take a loan against the home to pay off the excess judgment. And this, we can assure you, happens with regularity.

Consider this situation, a true story from David's law practice: "In New York, I had a couple come to see me. He was a cardiologist and she an OB/GYN. They said that she, the OB/GYN, had just been successfully sued for a malpractice case in which the judgment rendered against her was \$4 million, \$2 million more than her personal

malpractice coverage. I told him at the time that there was nothing I could do since there was already a judgment. While I have not spoken to the client since, do you think that the plaintiff and their attorney who rightfully won a \$4 million judgment would simply settle for the \$2 million of insurance coverage when they could put a lien on the \$1.5 million of equity in the defendant's home in a matter of days (or hours!) with minimal cost?"

The Legal Obligation of the Plaintiff Attorney: Get the Cash

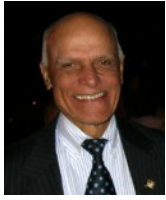
There seems to be an underlying assumption by attorneys who advise doctors that asset protection isn't important and that plaintiffs and their attorneys will not go after physicians' personal assets because it is "distasteful" or for some other reason. Put yourself in the shoes of the plaintiff and the attorney. The plaintiff's attorney has a professional and ethical obligation to represent his or her client in their best interest to the fullest extent of the law. If, as an attorney, David represented a plaintiff who had a \$4 million judgment with only \$2 million paid by insurance, and he knew that the defendant had millions of dollars of assets that were unprotected that he could attack in order to get the client paid in full, David would have to do this. In fact, if he didn't pursue those assets, he would be liable for malpractice to the client, and rightfully so.

When you combine the misconception of physicians that plaintiffs and attorneys won't go after their assets because of some kind of ethical consideration with the fact that there are, in fact, ethical rules requiring an attorney to go after such assets, you can understand why the advice "you don't need asset protection" is so off-base.

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Lifetime Achievement Award Presented to Chitranjan S. Ranawat, MD



Congratulations to Chitranjan S. Ranawat, MD!

Dr. Ranawat was presented with a surprise EOA Lifetime Achievement Award by Dr. Geoffrey Westrich at the Annual Meeting last fall in New Orleans.

Dr. Ranawat was recognized for his extraordinary dedication, leadership and commitment to

the advancement and enrichment of the Eastern Orthopaedic Association. He is a long-time member and supporter of EOA. Dr. Ranawat was President in 1997 and has been the President of the Eastern Orthopaedic Education Foundation since 2004. He also established one of the top EOA Resident Awards, which is presented yearly at the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Ranawat is an attending Orthopedic Surgeon at the Hospital for Special Surgery and Professor

of Orthopaedic Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College. He has received numerous awards and accolades for his achievements in orthopaedics. His innovative designs have advanced knee and hip replacement.

Dr. Ranawat and his wife Gudrun are the proud parents of four children, two of whom are also orthopaedic surgeons.

Humanitarian Award Presented to Randall Culp, MD



Congratulations to Randall W. Culp, MD, the first ever EOA Humanitarian Award winner. EOA established the new award this year that was presented during the Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Nominations for the award were requested from the

membership. Attributes for award consideration included, providing services without expectation of remuneration to all; embrace common moral decencies; respects and embraces human diversity; and improve the lives of those in need.

Randall W. Culp, MD has dedicated himself to perfecting his craft by making meaningful contributions to the scientific literature and equally

important, serving those in need. From humble beginnings in West Virginia to his Ivy League training, to service to our country as a Naval Officer and staff Hand Surgeon, Dr. Culp's professional life story is remarkable.

Dr. Culp has been a member of Health Volunteer Overseas (HVO) since 2008, and for the last several years has focused his efforts on the hand surgery program at Hospital Escuela, Honduras. In addition to serving as lead surgeon on six previous missions, Dr. Culp has secured donations of medical supplies and equipment and has helped to raise funds to support the participation of team members for the annual mission trip including funding for certified hand therapists, hand surgery and hand therapy fellows and in

recent years, even orthopaedic residents and medical students.

Dr. Culp's efforts have provided children with life-altering care for congenital abnormalities, while adolescent, adult and geriatric patients received surgical care for neglected trauma and other debilitating conditions. The learning and collaboration that he has fostered among students and professionals across cultures has earned him an honorary professorship at the Hospital Escuela, Tegucigalpa, Honduras as well as recognition from HVO with a Golden Apple award in 2013. More recently, Dr. Culp has secured funds to create an Orthopedic Burn Center in Honduras at the Hospital Escuela in Tegucigalpa.

Money Matters *continued*

Why Wouldn't You Protect Assets?

If you have ever read our materials or heard us speak, you know that we are not people who say the "sky is falling." Even with the statements made in this article, it is still statistically relatively low risk that you will lose personal assets in a malpractice action, regardless of your specialty. However, the point that we make with our clients and in our books and articles is that asset protection planning can actually benefit you in many ways beyond lawsuit protection.

In fact, most of the asset protection we do for clients is relatively low cost and has numerous financial, tax and estate planning benefits as well. Thus, the question becomes "if asset protection planning can protect you in many ways and can cost relatively little, why wouldn't you do it...when there is even a slight chance that you will lose personal assets at some time during your career?"

Conclusion

Certainly, asset protection planning is a crucial part of a client's wealth planning today – especially for physicians. Everyone acknowledges that

there is some risk of a beyond-insurance limits lawsuit for any doctor. If this is true, and proper asset protection may actually help you BUILD wealth, then such planning cannot be ignored. The authors welcome your questions. You can contact them at 877-656-4362 or through their website, www.ojmgroupp.com

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