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Dallas Lawyer Settles Son's Lacrosse RICO Suit

In the lawsuit filed last year, the plaintiff alleges the defendants operated a scheme using fraud, threats and other illegal activities to grow their lacrosse business.

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William A. Munck (front) is the managing partner in the Dallas firm Munck

Wilson Mandala. Jamil N. Alibhai is a partner at the firm and is representing Mr. Munck in a lawsuit. (Mark Graham)

Last year, Dallas attorney William Munck did what he knew best when a for-profit lacrosse business was allegedly preventing his son's advancement in the sport - he made a federal case about it.

And Munck seemed to get what he wanted in an agreed order that dismisses *Munck v. Dallas Lacrosse Academy* in a Sherman U.S. district court, which alleged the defendants had operated in violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

Munck alleged that the defendants operated a "scheme" using "fraud, threats and other illegal activities" to grow their business by demanding the Munck family's participation in their enterprise. The plaintiffs allege that the defendants "extorted plaintiffs so that they would not participate in a competing, but nonprofit, lacrosse program," according to their complaint.

The defendants denied the allegation in a motion to dismiss filed last year alleging that Munck "has used his position as a lawyer and owner of the law firm Munck Wilson Mandala LLP as a tool directed at various lacrosse coaches in the North Texas community whose only sin was failing to recognize and appreciate the athletic talents of Munck's son, plaintiff William P.J. Munck ('Billy')."

However, the parties entered a stipulated permanent injunction and order of dismissal that was signed by U.S. District Judge Richard Schell on March 25 and that prevents the defendants from attempting "to influence the Muncks' financial support" for their organization and influencing or interfering with Munck's sons' "lacrosse playing time," among other things.

“The Muncks are satisfied with the resolution and feel vindicated by virtue of the court’s entering injunctive relief,” said Munck’s attorney, Jamil Alibhai, a partner in Munck Wilson Mandala who represents the plaintiffs, of the confidential settlement.

“It was settled to the parties’ mutual satisfaction. That’s all I can tell you,” said Colin Durham, a partner in Dallas’ Key Harrington Barnes who represents the defendants.

Munck did not return a call for comment.

At the time the complaint was filed last year, Munck and Alibhai said it was aimed at ending “pay for play” in nonprofit amateur lacrosse.

“It’s important to understand: It’s not about my kid or my kid’s playing time on a high school team. It’s about stopping this,” Munck said at the time. “We’re in a position to try to stop this, and a lot of kids are getting hurt.”