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## **Company Launches First Ever Legal Notice of Bullying**

Free Online Form Could Increase Parent, Teacher Liability

VANCOUVER, CANADA (July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006) Documatica Legal Forms Inc. has announced the release of a novel legal kit designed specifically for victims of schoolyard bullying. The kit, which features logs to record bullying events, and an online form to convert the records into a legal Notice of Harassment, is customizable for any common law jurisdiction in the United States and Canada. The forms will be freely available to the public at <u>www.documatica-forms.com/bullying</u>.

"Every week, we hear about tragedies occurring as a result of bullying," says Christie Foreman, Legal Writer. "It's time for us to stop these events *before* they start, by making sure that parents and schools know the bullying is happening." The notice, designed to be served to the bully's principal, teachers, and parents, summarizes the bully's actions and correlates them with violations of criminal or civil law. Upon delivery, the recipient is obligated to address the situation, or face increased liability for the bully's behavior. Currently, 47 states and several Canadian provinces have some form of parental liability legislation in place.

"This kit is revolutionary, in that it provides a much-needed legal and political recourse for victims of severe harassment and their families." says Jeff Dare, Manager of Product Promotion. "If we can help just one family, it will be worth the effort," he adds.

Current statistics indicate that bullying in North American schools is occurring at an alarming frequency. It is estimated that 30% of U.S. students in grades six to ten are involved in bullying, either as victims or aggressors, and 60% witness bullying at least once a day. Furthermore, a study by the U.S. Department of Education found that 75% of school shootings occur as violent reactions to bullying. In the long term, several sources report that bullying can lead to mental health problems, anxiety, depression, and even suicide.

The Notice of Harassment form is the most recent addition to Documatica's rapidly expanding legal document selection, which already includes a residential lease agreement, bill of sale, promissory note, and several others. The company hopes that the notice will provide a valuable public resource, and also serve to showcase its website's unique ability to generate customized legal forms in PDF format.

For more information on the Notice of Harassment, or other legal forms, visit Documatica at <u>www.documatica-forms.com</u> or contact documatica.pr@gmail.com.