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**Plaintiff Dismisses Fireman's Fund from Lawsuit**

NOVATO, Calif., May 10, 2004 – Plaintiff Allen Estrin has dismissed Fireman's Fund Insurance Company as a defendant in a lawsuit brought against 14 insurance companies concerning the insurer's purported refusal to sell life insurance to people who travel to Israel.

When served with the complaint on April 29, Fireman's Fund informed the plaintiff that Fireman's Fund is a property and casualty insurer only, with no life insurance products or services. Fireman's Fund has not had a life insurance capability since 1985, when that line of business was sold. William Shernoff, the plaintiff's attorney, then took steps to dismiss Fireman's Fund as a defendant in the complaint.

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