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**HEGGENESS, SWEET, SIMINGTON & PATRICO
ANNOUNCES TWO SAN DIEGO MEN PLEAD NO CONTEST
IN \$60 MILLION WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD CASE**

February 19, 2010 – San Diego, CA – Premier Medical Management Systems, Inc. executives David Wayne Fish, 47, of San Diego and Birger Greg Bacino, 50, of Rancho Santa Fe, today entered no contest pleas in Los Angeles County Superior Court to felony criminal charges related to a seven year investigation spearheaded by lead defense attorney Clifford D. Sweet, III of Heggeness, Sweet, Simington & Patrico, a Southern California workers' compensation defense law firm. The pleas follow the dismissal last September of \$60 million of medical bills submitted to workers' compensation insurance companies by Premier of Los Angeles. Fish and former attorney Bacino are scheduled for sentencing before Superior Court Judge Larry Fidler next June.

Representing Insurance Company of the West, Explorer Insurance and The Travelers Companies, Sweet alleged Premier's bills were the product of a complex "pay to play" referral network generating fraudulent bills for services never rendered. In court documents, Sweet claimed Premier was unlawfully practicing medicine, engaging in illegal fee-sharing, illegally referring business and fabricating medical charges.

Sweet, a long time opponent of fraud in the workers' compensation system, specializes in the investigation and prosecution of suspected fraudulent workers' compensation business practices on behalf of his clients. Prior litigation has saved the firm's clients tens of millions of dollars.

A list of the Premier doctors and clinics whose bills were dismissed last September by Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Associate Chief Judge Mark Kahn is attached together with copies of the criminal complaint, plea bargain agreements, and related press releases

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