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**WHEELCHAIR-USING ANGELS FANS CERTIFIED AS A CLASS IN LAWSUIT  
AGAINST ANGELS BASEBALL LP & CITY OF ANAHEIM  
FOR DISABILITY ACCESS DISCRIMINATION**

LOS ANGELES/ANAHEIM - The United States District Court of the Central District of California, granted Class Action certification in a lawsuit (Case No. SACV 10-0853 DOC (ANx)) filed in June 2010 by J. Paul Charlebois against Angels Baseball LP and the City of Anaheim. The Court certified the class as "any wheelchair user who has attended or will attend a baseball game at (Angel) Stadium but who has been or will be denied equal access to wheelchair seating, amenities, privileges and facilities on account of his/her disability."

Mr. Charlebois, a baseball fan who is confined to a wheelchair, alleges that Angel Stadium fails to provide basic accommodations to disabled persons in its premier Club Level, the only section that includes amenities such as in-seat waiter and waitress food and beverage services. Remarkably, in the Club Level consisting of thousands of seats and luxury boxes, **there are only two wheelchair accessible seats on the entire level.**

In July 2009, when Mr. Charlebois attempted to access his seat in the Club Level section, he was informed that there were no available wheelchair accessible seats in the entire section, as the only two seats were already taken. Despite his experience, Mr. Charlebois is seeking injunctive relief only and no personal damages.

Indeed, after investigating and speaking with numerous users of wheelchairs who purchased tickets to Angel Baseball games, Mr. Charlebois' lawyers, stated in a Court filing: "Based on the first-hand experience of wheelchair users, it appears that the wheelchair accessible seating on the Club Level of Angel Stadium, which is the only level providing waiter and waitress services, **is completely unavailable to wheelchair users who wish to attend Angels baseball games.**"

The United District Court responding to Angels Baseball's argument that the proposed class action required an analysis of each class member's individual circumstances and state of mind, concluded, "**This argument, pardon the pun, strikes out.**" [A full copy of the opinion is available upon request].

The Court found that the Plaintiff met the requirement of showing that there were a sufficient number of wheelchair users attending games at Angel Stadium to justify the certification of the class of wheel-chair users emphasizing, "Baseball is often referenced as America's favorite past-time, and given that Plaintiff's class includes future attendees, it is reasonable to presume that many wheelchair-using baseball fans will emerge as future class members ..."

V. James DeSimone of Schonbrun DeSimone Seplow Harris Hoffman & Harrison, LLP, the attorneys representing Mr. Charlebois and the class stated: "The certification of the class is an important first step toward achieving equal access to Angel Baseball Stadium for people who use wheelchairs."

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