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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
CENTRAL DIVISION**

GREGORY DEPAPE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TRINITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.,
TRIMARK PHYSICIANS GROUP,
INC., and BLUMENFELD KAPLAN &
SANDWEISS, P.C.,

Defendants,

and

TRINITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.
and TRIMARK PHYSICIANS GROUP,
INC.,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

vs.

BLUMENFELD KAPLAN &
SANDWEISS,

Third-Party Defendant.

No. C01-3043-MWB

**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND
ORDER REGARDING BENCH TRIAL
ON THE MERITS**

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The plaintiff in this breach-of-contract and legal malpractice case, Dr. Gregory dePape, is a Canadian citizen who completed his medical studies and training in Canada. Thousands of miles away in the small city of Fort Dodge, Iowa, Trimark Physicians Group, Ltd. ("Trimark") sought a family physician to fill a vacancy and to meet the burgeoning needs of the Fort Dodge medical community. Through a consulting firm, Trimark successfully recruited Dr. dePape to fill this vacancy, and in March of 1999, Trimark and Dr. dePape, while still living and working in Canada, entered into a five-year employment contract.

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