

Annie Le lawsuit looms « 06520

Two years after a Yale employee murdered [graduate student Annie Le](#) on campus, Le's family will sue the university, the *Hartford Courant* [reports](#).

The newspaper quotes Joseph Tacopina, a New York-based attorney representing Le's estate, as saying he would file a wrongful death suit "by Wednesday." No further details were available.

Thursday is the second anniversary of Le's disappearance after entering a medical school laboratory building. The 24-year-old pharmacology student from Placerville, California, was engaged to be married five days later. Instead, after an increasingly grim search, police found her body, strangled and stuffed inside a wall in the building's basement, on what would have been Le's wedding day.

Raymond Clark III, an animal technician who worked in the building, eventually [pleaded guilty](#) to murder and attempted sexual assault. In June, he was sentenced to 44 years in prison.



Attorney Joseph Tacopina, representing the family of murdered Yale graduate student Annie Le, spoke to reporters after the sentencing of Le's killer in June. Le's mother, Vivian, is behind Tacopina. Photo: Uma Ramiah/New Haven Independent

[At the sentencing](#), Le's family spoke publicly for the first time about their loss of "a beautiful soul." Their attorney, Tacopina, was quoted then as saying that his "investigation has provided us with an incentive to continue moving forward in the civil arena to insure Annie's death is not in vain," adding: "If there were lapses in security at Yale, we'll address that."