

**IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

**STATE OF OKLAHOMA, *ex rel.*** )  
**OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD** )  
**OF MEDICAL LICENSURE** )  
**AND SUPERVISION,** )  
  
**Plaintiff,** )  
  
**vs.** )  
  
**CHARLES ERIC ECKMAN, M.D.,** )  
**LICENSE NO. MD 12332,** )  
  
**Defendant.** )

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**SEP 29 2016**  
**OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION**

**Case No. 15-08-5195**

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT**

The State of Oklahoma, *ex rel.* Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (“Board”), alleges and states as follows for its Complaint against Charles Eric Eckman, M.D. (“Defendant”):

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of physicians, surgeons and other allied health professionals in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to 59 O.S. § 480 *et seq.*
2. Defendant holds Oklahoma medical license number 12332, which was issued on July 2, 1979.
3. The acts and omissions complained of herein were made while Defendant was acting as a physician pursuant to his medical license conferred upon him by the State of Oklahoma. Such acts and omissions occurred within the physical territory of the State of Oklahoma.

**I. ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT**

4. In December of 2010, Defendant asked D.P.W., a patient and friend of Defendant, to come over and help him remove an object from Defendant’s rectum. D.P.W. brought S.S.W. with him to help. S.S.W. was unsuccessful in removing the object and all three left and went to S.S.W.’s house and attempted a second time to remove the object unsuccessfully. At that time all three proceeded to Midwest City Hospital.
5. Upon arrival at Midwest City Hospital, D.P.W. checked Defendant in under D.P.W.’s name, used D.P.W.’s Medicaid insurance information, and D.P.W. paid the required co-pay. Defendant told S.S.W. that he would “make it right” after they helped him. S.S.W.

understood that meant S.S.W. and D.P.W. would be prescribed medications by Defendant without medical need.

6. Subsequent to the hospital visit, Defendant prescribed S.S.W. Schedule II controlled dangerous substances ("CDS"). Defendant prescribed S.S.W. 49 prescriptions of Methadone 10mg, #360, for a total of 14,874 dosage units from August 12, 2011, to February 24, 2015 which was 11.5 dosage units per day. Defendant also prescribed S.S.W. 9 prescriptions of Hydrocodone for a total of 952 dosage units, beginning in December 27, 2010. Defendant was aware that S.S.W. was formerly addicted to Methadone and that he had never given S.S.W. a physical examination. There was no medical necessity for these prescriptions.
7. In addition to CDS, Defendant also gave money to S.S.W. on several occasions after the December 2010 incident.
8. Prior to the December 2010 incident, D.P.W. was a patient of Defendant. However, after the incident, D.P.W. began receiving prescriptions for increased amounts of CDS from Defendant. From January 3, 2012, to January 27, 2015, Defendant prescribed D.P.W. 360 Oxycodone 30mg pills per month, which was 13.6 dosage units per day. In addition, Defendant prescribed D.P.W. Hydromorphone 8mg pills and Xanax 2mg pills, which is 18 dosage units per day. In addition to prescribing increased amounts of CDS without medical need or justification, the amounts were large and the combinations of drugs were dangerous.
9. In or around February 2015, Defendant told D.P.W and S.S.W. that he was going to stop prescribing CDS to them and they threatened to tell the authorities about his behavior and prescribing if he did not continue. In addition to the prescriptions, they extorted money from Defendant. Subsequent to talking to Board investigators, Defendant filed a complaint with the Oklahoma City Police Department and both D.P.W. and S.S.W. were charged by the District Attorney with extortion and blackmail.
10. There has been an allegation made that Defendant has a medical condition resulting in a physical limitation so severe that one of his assessment recommendations indicated that he should not practice interventional radiology as doing so may be unsafe. The condition limits his fine motor dexterity. Defendant is not currently practicing interventional radiology due to this condition. Defendant also made an agreement, with the assessment facility, to refrain from prescribing narcotic medications.

## II. VIOLATIONS

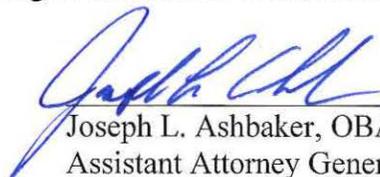
11. Based on the foregoing, the Defendant is guilty of professional misconduct as follows:
  - a. Dishonorable or immoral conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public, in violation of 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(8) and Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(11);
  - b. Prescribing, dispensing or administering of controlled substances or narcotic drugs in excess of the amount considered good medical practice, or prescribing, dispensing or administering controlled substances or narcotic drugs without

medical need in accordance with published standards, in violation of 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(16) and Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(1), (2), (6);

- c. Failure to maintain an office record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation, treatment, and medical necessity of treatment of the patient, in violation of 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(18), (20) and Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(41);
- d. The commission of any act which is a violation of the criminal laws of any state when such act is connected with the physician's practice of medicine, in violation of 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(9);
- e. Prescribing or administering a drug or treatment without sufficient examination and the establishment of a valid physician-patient relationship, in violation of 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(12) and Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(49);
- f. The inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of physical condition, in violation of 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(15) and Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(40);
- g. Prescribing selling, administering, distributing, ordering, or giving any drug legally classified as a controlled substance or recognized as an addictive or dangerous drug for other than medically accepted therapeutic purposes, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(24);
- h. Prescribing, selling, administering, distributing, ordering, or giving to a habitue or addict or any person previously drug dependent, any drug legally classified as a controlled substance or recognized as an addictive or dangerous drug, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(25).

### III. CONCLUSION

Given the foregoing, the undersigned requests the Board conduct a hearing, and, upon proof of the allegations contained herein, impose such disciplinary action as authorized by law, up to and including suspension or revocation and any other appropriate action with respect to the Defendant's professional license, including an assessment of costs and attorney's fees incurred in this action as provided by law.



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**VERIFICATION**

I, Steve Washbourne, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, state as follows:

1. I have read the above Complaint regarding the Defendant, Charles Eric Eckman, M.D.; and
2. The factual statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
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Steve Washbourne, Investigator  
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL  
LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION

Date: 9-29-16

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