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

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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EX REL. THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION,) OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF) MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Case No. 11-04-4223
BRIAN MELTON MEEK, M.D., LICENSE NO. 15482,)
Defendant.))

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, the State of Oklahoma ex rel. the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (the "Board"), by and through its attorney, Elizabeth A. Scott, Assistant Attorney General, and for its Complaint against the Defendant, Brian Melton Meek, M.D., alleges and states as follows:

1. The Board is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of physicians and surgeons in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to 59 Okla. Stat. §480 *et seq.*

2. Defendant, Brian Melton Meek, M.D., holds Oklahoma license no. 15482 and previously practiced occupational medicine in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

3. In or around the early 1980's during his residency at the University of Oklahoma, Defendant began abusing marijuana on a regular basis.

4. As a result of his abuse of marijuana, Defendant was confronted by his residency supervisor and asked to obtain an assessment for substance abuse. Defendant initially went to Talbott for assessment and treatment in or around 1986.

5. Defendant left Talbott during his treatment and went to the Faulkner Center in Austin, Texas, where he completed a 28-day treatment program. At the conclusion of his treatment, Defendant returned to complete his residency program.

6. In 1988 after completion of his residency program, Defendant moved to Reno, Nevada. Defendant began to abuse alcohol and was arrested and charged with **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (Alcohol).**

7. In or around 1989, Defendant returned to Oklahoma and applied for reinstatement of his Oklahoma medical license. Due to his prior substance abuse, the Board placed Defendant on a five (5) year probation and required him to affiliate with the Oklahoma Health Professionals Program.

8. In 2000, Defendant moved to Indiana and began to again abuse alcohol.

9. In 2002, Defendant returned to Oklahoma to practice occupational medicine.

10. In or around 2006, Defendant began to abuse alcohol and engaged in occasional "binge drinking". Defendant's drinking escalated to where he was drinking heavily two (2) or three (3) nights each week and was coming into work hung over.

11. On or about April 14, 2011, Defendant drank heavily at a bar in Oklahoma City. When he came into work the next morning, office staff smelled alcohol on him and reported him to the administration. He submitted to a Breathalyzer test and registered a .08 level of alcohol.

12. As a result of the April 14, 2011 incident, Defendant was terminated by his employer.

13. On or about April 28, 2011, Defendant signed an agreement not to practice with the Board Secretary.

14. On or about May 31, 2011, Defendant entered treatment for substance abuse at The Retreat in Minnesota. He was discharged on June 30, 2011 and entered a halfway house at that time.

15. Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct in that he:

A. Is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of age, illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physician condition in violation of 59

O.S. §509(15) and OAC 435:10-7-4(40).

B. Engaged in dishonorable or immoral conduct which is likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public in violation of 59 O.S. §509(8) and OAC 435:10-7-4(11).

C. Violated any provision of the medical practice act or the rules and regulations of the Board or of an action, stipulation, or agreement of the Board in violation of 59 O.S. §509(13) and OAC 435:10-7-4(39).

D. Habitually uses habit-forming drugs in violation 59 O.S.
407 §509(4) and OAC 435:10-7-4(3).

Conclusion

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that 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 Defendant's medical license, and an assessment of costs and attorney's fees incurred in this action as provided by law.

Respectfully submitted,

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