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,

V.

CASE NO. 94-07-1632

EDMUND S. CORDOVA, M.D.
Medical License No. 16849;
Defendant.

FINAL ORDER

This cause came on for hearing before the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision on September 16, 1995, at the office of the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, 5104 N. Francis, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, pursuant to notice given as required by law and the rules of the Board.

Daniel J. Gamino, Attorney, appeared for the Plaintiff; and Edmund S. Cordova, M.D., Defendant, did not appear either in person or by attorney or other representative.

The Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision en banc heard sworn testimony, reviewed exhibits, and being fully advised in the premises, the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision finds and orders as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. That Defendant, Edmund S. Cordova, M.D., holds Oklahoma Medical License No. 16849.
- 2. That the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision en banc has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and that notice has been given in all respects as required by law and the rules of the Board.
- 3. That on or around February 23, 1995, Defendant Cordova was the subject of a Final Decision and Order issued by the New Mexico Board of Medical Examiners in Case No. 94-006, styled In the Matter of Edmund S. Cordova, M.D.
- 4. That in that proceeding the New Mexico Board did revoke Defendant Cordova's New Mexico medical license based on a finding that Defendant Cordova explicitly fondled private parts of two separate female patients during the course of his medical practice.
- 5. That on or around October 15, 1993, Defendant Cordova's staff privileges were suspended at Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital based on complaints by two different female patients and their similarity to allegations heard by the hospital Medical Executive Committee during Defendant Cordova's credentialing process in 1990.
- 6. That during Defendant Cordova's practice of medicine and surgery in approximately 1990 while in the military forces of the United States, the military received complaints that Defendant Cordova had fondled women in Alaska and Oklahoma and

that the complaints had addressed Defendant Cordova's use of a stethoscope when examining female patients' hearts, and that the military had ordered Defendant Cordova to be required to have chaperones present for examinations "unless it was an extreme emergency."

- 7. That Defendant Cordova is perpetuating significant harm to public health, safety and welfare by continuing the acts and omissions set forth in the above allegations.
- 8. That by publication and by direct mail to the Defendant there was lawful service of process obtained on the Defendant, Edmund S. Cordova, M.D. Service is further confirmed by testimony showing Dr. Cordova's telephone consultation with the Board Executive Director on August 25, 1995, advising that he was aware of the hearing scheduled on this date and that he did not plan to appear.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. That Edmund S. Cordova, M.D., holding Oklahoma Medical License No. 16849, is in violation of specific provisions of the Oklahoma Medical Practice Act, 59 O.S. Supp. 1994, Sec. 509, Paragraph 18, to-wit:
 - "18. Engaging in non-consensual physical conduct with a patient which is sexual in nature, or in any verbal behavior which is seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient."
- 2. That Edmund S. Cordova, M.D., is also in violation of the rules and regulations promulgated by this Board, specifically Rule 435:10-7-4, which provides in pertinent part as follows, to-wit:

"The Board has the authority to revoke or take other disciplinary action against a licensee or certificate holder for unprofessional conduct. Pursuant to 59 O.S. 1991, Sec. 509, "Unprofessional Conduct" shall be considered to include:

- "(11) Conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public."
- "(14) Willfully or negligently violating the confidentiality between physician and patient to the detriment of the patient except as required by law."
- "(15) Gross or repeated negligence in the practice of medicine and surgery."
- "(23) Commission of any act of sexual abuse, misconduct, or exploitation related or unrelated to the licensee's practice of medicine and surgery."
- "(31) Disciplinary action of another state or jurisdiction against the licensee or other authorization to practice medicine and surgery based upon acts of conduct by the licensee similar to acts or conduct that would constitute grounds for action as defined in this Section, a certified copy of the record of the action taken by the other state or jurisdiction being conclusive evidence thereof."
- "(34) Any adverse judgment, award, or settlement or award arising from a medical liability claim

relating to acts or conduct similar to the acts or conduct that would constitute grounds for action as defined in this Section."

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

- 1. That the Defendant, Edmund S. Cordova, M.D., holding Oklahoma Medical License No. 16849, should be and is hereby REVOKED as a physician and surgeon in the State of Oklahoma.
- 2. That a copy of this Order should be mailed by the Board staff to the Defendant at his last known address.

DATED this 2- Woday of Chlour, 1995.

GEORGE M/ BROWN, JR., M.D., Secretary State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument was mailed, postage prepaid thereon, this day of October, 1995, to:

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EDMUND S. CORDOVA, M.D.

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