

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

MARTHA ANNE McKNIGHT, M.D.
Medical License No. 17877,

Defendant

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) CASE NO. 92-01-1284
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FINAL ORDER

This cause came on for hearing before the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision on February 29, 1992, 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 Martha Anne McKnight, M.D., Defendant, appeared by and through her letter of February 27, 1992, forwarded by legal counsel, J. Lawrence Blankenship, of Derryberry, Quigley, Parrish, Solomon & Blankenship, 4800 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105, who appeared by announcement.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That Defendant, Martha Anne McKnight, M.D., holds Oklahoma Medical License No. 17877.
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 July 12, 1991, Defendant did execute a Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction agreeing to a five-year probation under certain enumerated terms and conditions, and that said Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction was executed as part of her application for Supervised Medical Doctor.
4. That at its meeting of October 5, 1991, the Board did issue Oklahoma medical license to the Defendant under terms of probation enumerated in the Board Order announced at its meeting of October 5, 1991, and signed by Board Secretary Gerald C. Zumwalt, M.D., on October 10, 1991.
5. That the probationary terms and conditions are still in full force and effect and have not been modified or altered by the Board.
6. That the Defendant practiced medicine and surgery as an Assistant Professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

7. That on or around January 10, 1992, Defendant was relieved of all duties by the Professor and Chairman of the Department, Joseph Westermeyer, M.D., Ph.D., as set forth in his letter of January 10, 1992.

8. That the Defendant voluntarily admitted herself to St. John Medical Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, under the care of John C. Chelf, M.D., Board Certified Psychiatrist and Certified Addictionologist. That following the issuance of lawful subpoenas, on February 18, 1992, the Board staff received a narrative report from Dr. Chelf on the history and condition of the Defendant.

9. Dr. Chelf's report indicates that Defendant is still experiencing some difficulty and that Dr. Chelf does not "feel comfortable in returning her to work."

10. That the evidence indicates that public health, safety and welfare imperatively requires emergency action to suspend Defendant's Oklahoma medical license until a full hearing is held on the merits of this case.

11. That absent emergency action by the Board, Defendant would be in a position to perpetuate significant harm to public health, safety and welfare by continuing acts and omissions set forth in the above allegations.

12. That on February 20, 1992, Defendant and her attorney, Henry Nichols, Looney, Nichols, Johnson & Hayes, received oral notice of this hearing when they visited with the Board Secretary and were advised that formal notice would follow.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That Martha Anne McKnight, M.D., holding Oklahoma Medical License No. 17877, is in violation of the Oklahoma Medical Practice Act, 59 O.S. 1981, Sec. 509, Paragraph 16 to-wit:

"16. Inability 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 physical condition."

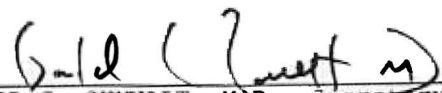
ORDER

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

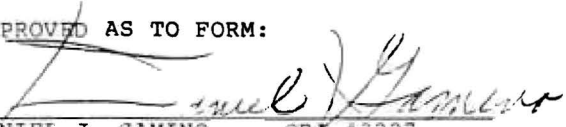
1. That the Defendant, Martha Anne McKnight, M.D., holding Oklahoma Medical License No. 17877, should be and is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of medicine and surgery in Oklahoma until her case is re-evaluated by the Board en banc at the next meeting of the Board scheduled for May 9, 1992.

2. That a copy of this Order be forwarded to Defendant through legal counsel of record.

DATED this 5 day of March, 1992.


GERALD C. ZUMWALT, 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 9 day of March, 1992, to:

J. LAWRENCE BLANKENSHIP
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