

**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,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
)
KARIS ANN BERNHARDT, M.D.,)
LICENSE NO. MD 18198,)
)
Defendant.)

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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No. 08-10-3593

ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

This matter came on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (“Board”) on November 17, 2022, at the office of the Board, 101 N.E. 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, pursuant to notice given as required by law and the rules of the Board.

Gary Ricks, Board Compliance Coordinator, appeared on behalf of Plaintiff. Karis Ann Bernhardt, M.D. (“Defendant”) appeared in person, *pro se*. Plaintiff and Defendant are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties.”

The following witnesses were sworn and testified: Gary Ricks, Compliance Coordinator for the Board, Defendant, Karis Ann Bernhardt, M.D., and Dr. John Kuhn.

The Board heard testimony of the witnesses, and being fully advised of the premises, makes the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and orders.

Findings of Fact

1. In Oklahoma, Defendant holds medical license no. MD 18198, originally issued July 24, 1992.
2. On November 16, 2016, an Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction (“VSJ”) was filed placing Defendant on indefinite probation.
3. On October 22, 2022, Gary Ricks submitted a staff Motion to Terminate the Probation.
4. At the November 17, 2022, meeting of the Board, the Board heard testimony that Dr. Bernhardt’s recovery is strong, and that she is compliant with OHPP. Mr. Ricks requested the probation be terminated.
5. The Board concluded that the probation should be terminated.

6. Any conclusion of law below which is more properly characterized as a finding of fact is hereby incorporated as a finding of fact.

Conclusions of Law

7. 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 and surgeons in the State of Oklahoma. 59 O.S. § 480 *et seq.*, 59 O.S. 492 *et seq.*; Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:5-1-1 *et seq.*, 435:10-4-2.
8. Notice was provided as required by law and the rules of the Board. 75 O.S. § 309; 59 O.S. § 504; Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:3-3-5, 435:3-3-6.
9. Any finding of fact above which is more properly characterized as a conclusion of law is hereby incorporated as a conclusion of law.

Orders

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

1. The Defendant's probation is **TERMINATED**.
2. A copy of this Order shall be provided to Defendant as soon as it is processed.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2022.

Steven Katsis MD

Steven Katsis (Nov 23 2022 10:28 CST)

Steven Katsis, M.D., President
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL
LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION

Certificate of Service

This is to certify that on the 20th day of November, 2022, a true and correct copy of this Order was transmitted as indicated, postage prepaid, to the following:

U.S. Certified Mail
Karis Ann Bernhardt, MD
913 Hunters Hollow
Choctaw, Oklahoma 73020
Defendant, pro se

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