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

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OF MEDICAL LICENSURE	)	APR 1 8 2016
AND SUPERVISION,	)	OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF
Plaintiff,	)	MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION
V.	3	Case No. 15-09-5202
HAZEM HUSSEIN SOKKAR, M.D.,	Ś	
LICENSE NO. MD 20856,	)	
Defendant.	)	

## 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 Hazem Hussein Sokkar, 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 Okla. Stat. § 480 *et seq.*
- 2. Defendant holds Oklahoma Medical license number 20856 issued August 28, 1998.
- 3. The acts and omissions complained of herein were made while Defendant was acting as a Physician pursuant to the medical license conferred upon him by the State of Oklahoma. Such acts and omissions occurred within the physical territory of the State of Oklahoma.
- 4. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 512 the Board is authorized to inspect prescribing records for compliance with the laws governing the prescribing of Controlled Dangerous Substances ("CDS"). Defendant is licensed to prescribe CDS and therefore is required to maintain appropriate records and provide them for inspection upon request pursuant to Okla. Admin. Code § 475:25-1-3. Failure to do so is a violation of the Oklahoma narcotics laws as legislated in 63 O.S. § 2-404.

# **ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT**

5. On April 15, 2016, in the course of investigating allegations of professional misconduct against Defendant, Investigator Jana Lane appeared at Defendant's office and requested

- to inspect two (2) patient's CDS records pursuant to 63 O.S. § 2-404, a copy of which Investigator Lane provided to Defendant. Defendant refused to read the statute provided.
- 6. Defendant brought the records to Investigator Lane and held them up in front of her. When Investigator Lane asked to inspect them, Defendant refused to comply with the investigator's request.
- 7. Investigator Lane informed Defendant that he was required to allow investigators to inspect the records for compliance with the rules governing prescribing, distribution and dispensing of CDS in accordance with Title 63 Oklahoma Statutes.
- 8. Defendant refused to comply and advised the investigator to contact his lawyer.

#### **VIOLATIONS**

- 9. Based on the foregoing, the Defendant is guilty of professional misconduct as follows:
  - a. 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 Title 59 O.S. § 509(9), namely 63 O.S § 2-404(A)(5);
  - b. The violation, or attempted violation, direct or indirect, of any of the provisions of the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act, either as a principal, accessory or accomplice in violation of 59 O.S. § 509(13);
  - c. Violating any state or federal law or regulation relating to controlled substances in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(27), namely 63 O.S § 2-404(A)(5); and
  - d. Failure to furnish the Board, its investigators or representatives, information lawfully requested by the Board in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(37), (38);

#### 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, pursuant to 59 O.S. 2011, § 509.1(A)(1) 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.

Joseph L. Ashbaker, OBA No. 19395 Assistant Attorney General OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION 101 N.E. 51st Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 405/962.1400 405/962.1499 - Facsimile

### **VERIFICATION**

I, Jana Lane, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, state as follows:

- I have read the above Complaint regarding the Defendant, Hazem Hussein 1. Sokkar, M.D.; and
- The factual statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Vana Lane, Investigator

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