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

| STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. | )   |   |
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| OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD       | )   | DEC - 6 2022  |
| OF MEDICAL LICENSURE       | )   |   |
| AND SUPERVISION,           | )   | OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION |
| Plaintiff,                 | į   |   |
| v.                         | )   | Case No. 22-03-6109                                     |
|                            | )   |   |
| STEVE BRYAN SKARKY, M.D.   | )   |   |
| LICENSE NO. MD 23464,      | )   |   |
|                            | )   |   |
| Defendant.                 | , j |   |

# VERIFIED COMPLAINT

The State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision ("Board"), for its Verified Complaint against Steve Bryan Skarky, M.D. ("Defendant"), alleges and states as follows:

## I. JURISDICTION

- 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 and surgeons in the State of Oklahoma. 59 O.S. § 480, *et seq.* and Okla. Admin. Code 435:5-1-1 *et seq.*
- 2. In Oklahoma, Defendant holds medical license no. 23464.
- 3. The acts and omissions complained of herein were made while Defendant was licensed to practice medicine by the State of Oklahoma.

## II. ALLEGATIONS OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

- 4. This action initially arose from a complaint alleging Defendant had a sexual relationship with a patient. The allegation was made the sexual relationship occurred while Defendant was still treating the patient.
- 5. The board subsequently received a similar complaint from a separate patient. This patient, E.S., stated that Defendant had a sexual relationship with her while she was a patient of Defendant. E.S. provided over 200 pages of texts and emails between her and Defendant

- which clearly demonstrate the inappropriateness of the relationship between Defendant and his patient.
- 6. Defendant has admitted to having sexual relationships with two patients as well as prescribing to a person he met at an online dating site and with whom he did not have a valid doctor patient relationship.

## III. VIOLATIONS

- 7. Based on the foregoing, Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct as follows:
  - a. Engaging in physical conduct with a patient which is sexual in nature, or in any verbal behavior which is seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient, in violation of 59 O.S. §509(17).
  - b. Failure to maintain an office record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation, treatment, and medical necessity of treatment of the patient, in violation of 59 O.S. §509(18).
  - c. Conduct likely to harm the public, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(11).
  - d. Commission of any act of sexual abuse, misconduct, or exploitation related or unrelated to the licensee's practice of medicine and surgery, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(23).
  - e. Improper management of medical records, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(36).
  - f. Engaging in predatory sexual behavior, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(45).
  - g. Failure to establish a physician/patient relationship prior to providing patient-specific medical services, care, or treatment, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-4(49).

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Given the foregoing, the undersigned respectfully requests 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 professional license, including an assessment of costs and attorney's fees incurred in this action as provided by law.

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Respectfully submitted,

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# **VERIFICATION**

I, Larry Rhodes Roberts, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, state as follows:

- I have read the above Complaint regarding STEVE BRYAN SKARKY, MD, and,
- 2. The factual statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Larry Rhodes

OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL

LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION