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

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA EX REL. THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION,)))	NOV 1 0 2005 OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION
Plaintiff,)	
v.))	Case No. 05-08-2983
RALPH EDWIN ADAMS, M.D.,)	
LICENSE NO. 9148)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER OF EMERGENCY SUSPENSION

This cause came on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (the "Board") on November 3, 2005 at the office of the Board, 5104 N. Francis, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, pursuant to notice given as required by law and the rules of the Board.

Elizabeth A. Scott, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for the plaintiff and defendant appeared not.

The Board *en banc* after hearing arguments of counsel, reviewing the pleadings filed, and being fully advised in the premises, found that there is clear and convincing evidence to support the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Orders:

Findings of Fact

1. The Board 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 pursuant to 59 Okla. Stat. §480 *et seq*.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter, and notice has been given in all respects in accordance with law and the rules of the Board.

- 3. Defendant, Ralph Edwin Adams, M.D., holds Oklahoma license no. 9148.
- 4. On August 26, 2005, a Complaint was filed against Defendant

based upon an emergency suspension of his license by the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners on July 19, 2005.

5. The evidence reflects that Defendant cannot practice medicine with a reasonable degree of safety, competency and skill sufficient to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

6. Defendant's medical license is hereby **SUSPENDED** effective November 3, 2005 pending a full hearing before the Board *en banc* at the next regularly scheduled meeting, currently scheduled for January 26-28, 2006.

7. All of the charges in the Complaint and Citation will also be heard before the Board *en banc* at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

8. The emergency suspension shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and all other appropriate groups.

9. Defendant will surrender his Oklahoma wallet card and certificate of medical license to the Board on or before 4:30 p.m. on November 18, 2005.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Board has jurisdiction and authority over the Defendant and subject matter herein pursuant to the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act (the "Act") and its applicable regulations. The Board is authorized to enforce the Act as necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Order

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

1. The license of Defendant, Ralph Edwin Adams, M.D., Oklahoma license no. 9148, is hereby **SUSPENDED** beginning November 3, 2005 pending a full hearing before the Board *en banc* at the next regularly scheduled meeting, currently scheduled for January 26-28, 2006.

2. Promptly upon receipt of an invoice, Defendant shall pay all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees and investigation costs.

3. Defendant's suspended license shall not be reinstated unless Defendant has reimbursed the Board for all taxed costs.

Dated this <u>1</u>^o day of November, 2005.

Gerald C. Zumwall, M.D., Secreta

Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the <u>10</u> day of November, 2005, I mailed, via first class mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of this Emergency Order of Suspension to Ralph Adams, 3506 Cherokee Dr. So., Salem, Oregon 97302.

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