

BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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KS State Board of Henling Arts

In the Matter of)	
BRUCE W. THOMAS, D.O.)	
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Kansas License No. 05-26494)	Docket No. 10-HA00123
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FINAL ORDER

NOW ON THIS _______ day of April 2010, this matter comes before Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Acting Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts. After reviewing the file and being duly advised in the premises, the Acting Executive Director makes the following determinations.

- 1. On March 25, 2010, the Acting Executive Director issued a Summary Order regarding the license of Bruce W. Thomas, D.O. ("Licensee") to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas. Such Summary Order was served on March 26, 2010, by depositing the same in the United States Mail first-class postage prepaid to Licensee's last known address.
- 2. The Summary Order contained a notice that a written request for hearing could be filed within 15 days following service, but if no hearing is requested, the Summary Order would be come effective as a final order of the Board upon expiration of the time for requesting a hearing.
- 3. No hearing has been requested by any party therefore the Summary Order became effective as a Final Order on April 14, 2010.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Licensee's license is hereby PUBLICLY CENSURED for violating the Healing Arts Act.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this is a Final Order. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-601

et. seq. a party to whom a Final Order is issued may petition for judicial review of this

Final Order. The petition for judicial review must be filed within thirty (30) days of

service of this Final Order. In the event a petition for judicial review is filed pursuant to

K.S.A 77-613(e), the Agency Officer to be served on behalf of the Kansas State Board of

Healing Arts is Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Interim Executive Director, Kansas State Board

of Healing Arts, 235 S. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas 66603.

Dated this 15⁴¹day of April, 2010.

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

Kathleen Selzler Lipport Acting Executive Director

PREPARED BY:

Lori D. Dougherty

Associate Litigation Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I Cathy A. Drown certify that the foregoing FINAL ORDER was served this 15th day of April, 2010, by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, and addressed to:

Bruce Thomas, D.O. 4013 N. Ridge Rd Suite 110 Wichita, KS 67205 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL# 7008 1830 0003 6604 7351

and a copy was hand-delivered to:

Katy Lenahan Licensing Administrator Kansas State Board of Healing Arts 235 S. Topeka Blvd. Topeka, Kansas 66603

Lori D. Dougherty Associate Litigation Counsel Kansas State Board of Healing Arts 235 S. Topeka Blvd. Topeka, Kansas 66603

and the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director:

Kathleen Selzler Lippert Acting Executive Director Kansas State Board of Healing Arts 235 S. Topeka Blvd. Topeka, Kansas 66603

Cathy A. Brown

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SUMMARY ORDER

NOW ON THIS 25th day of March 2010, this matter comes before Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Acting Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board"), in summary proceedings pursuant to K.S.A 77-537.

Pursuant to K.S.A 77-542, this Summary Order shall become effective as a Final Order, without further notice, if no written request for hearing is made within fifteen (15) days of service.

Upon review of the agency record and being duly advised in the premises, the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order are made for and on behalf of the Board:

- Bruce W. Thomas, D.O. ("Licensee") was originally issued license number 05-26494 to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Kansas on August 17, 1996. Licensee's license is active, having last been renewed on or about August 24, 2009.
- 2. Licensee's last known mailing address, as provided to the Board at the time of his renewal, is 4013 N. Ridge Road, Suite 110, Wichita, Kansas 67205.

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4. On November 21, 2008, Board staff sent Licensee a certified letter notifying

him of the investigation and requesting that he provide a response to the

allegations no later than December 8, 2008. The Board's letter was signed for

at the Licensee's mailing address on November 24, 2008.

5. Licensee failed to provide the requested information.

6. Thereafter, on December 30, 2008, Board staff sent another letter to Licensee.

This second letter referenced the November 21st letter and advised Licensee

that failure to furnish the Board with legally requested information was

grounds for disciplinary action.

7. Licensee provided a response on January 4, 2009, in response to the second

letter. Licensee's response acknowledged he had failed to complete medical

records by the designated time.

8. Thereafter, on November 17, 2009, Board staff sent a letter to Licensee

offering him a settlement of the investigation and requesting that he respond

no later than December 1, 2009.

9. Licensee failed to respond.

10. Thereafter, on December 16, 2009, Board staff sent another certified letter to

Licensee. The Board's letter was signed for at the Licensee's mailing address

on December 18, 2009. This letter referenced the previously sent November

17th letter and advised Licensee that he could either accept or reject the offer

of settlement, but a response was needed from him no later than December 31,

Bruce W. Thomas, D.O. Kansas License No. 05-26494 Summary Order 2009. This letter advised Licensee that failure to furnish the Board with

legally requested information was grounds for disciplinary action.

11. Again, Licensee failed to respond.

12. Licensee's failure to provide information and responses as requested by the

Board on November 21, 2008 and December 1, 2009, and December 31,

2009, constitutes a violation of K.S.A 65-2836(r) in that "licensee has failed

to furnish the board, or its investigators or representatives, any information

legally requested by the board."

13. Licensee's failure to complete medical records in a timely manner constitutes

a violation of K.S.A. 65-2836(k) in that "licensee has violated any lawful rule

and regulation promulgated by the board or violated any lawful order or

directive of the board previously entered by the board," to wit: K.A.R. 100-

24-1, requiring licensees to "maintain an adequate record for each patient for

whom the licensee performs a professional service."

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Licensee's license is hereby PUBLICLY

CENSURED for violating the Healing Arts Act.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this is a Summary Order. A party to whom a

Summary Order is issued may file a written request for a hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 77-

542 within fifteen (15) days following service of the Summary Order. Such written

request shall also state the legal and/or factual basis upon which the party opposes this

Order. If a hearing is not requested, the Summary Order shall become effective as a Final

Order of the Board upon expiration of the time for requesting a hearing. A written

request for hearing must be addressed and mailed to Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Acting

Bruce W. Thomas, D.O. Kansas License No. 05-26494 Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, 235 S. Topeka Blvd., Topeka,

KS 66603.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon becoming effective as a Final Order, this

document shall be deemed a public record and be reported to any reporting entities

authorized to receive such disclosure.

Dated this <u>25</u> day of March, 2010.

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

Kathleen Selzler Lippe

Acting Executive Director

PREPARED BY:

Lori D. Dougherty

Associate Litigation Counsel

Bruce W. Thomas, D.O. Kansas License No. 05-26494 Summary Order

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I Catho forcom certify that the foregoing SUMMARY ORDER was served this 26th day of March, 2010, by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, and addressed to:

Bruce Thomas, D.O. 4013 N. Ridge Rd Suite 110 Wichita, KS 67205

and a copy was hand-delivered to:

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