

**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,

Plaintiff,

v.

JANITA M. ARDIS, M.D.,
LICENSE NO. MD 12250,

Defendant.

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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No. 19-12-5854

**ORDER ACCEPTING
VOLUNTARY SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION**

The State of Oklahoma, *ex rel.* Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision ("Board"), by and through the undersigned counsel for the Plaintiff, as represented by the Secretary of the Board, Billy H. Stout, M.D., and the Executive Director of the Board, Lyle Kelsey, along with Janita M. Ardis, M.D. ("Defendant"), Oklahoma medical license no. 12250, who appears in person, and through counsel Russell L. Hendrickson and/or J. Chris Condren of Pierce Couch Hendrickson Baysinger & Green, L.L.P. (collectively, the "Parties"), and offer this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction (herein, "Order" or "Agreement") for acceptance by the Board. Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-5.1.

By voluntarily submitting to jurisdiction and entering into this Order, Defendant admits to the allegations herein contained and further acknowledges that a hearing before the Board could result in some sanction under the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act ("Act"). 59 O.S. § 480, *et seq.*

Defendant, Janita M. Ardis, M.D., states that she is of sound mind and is not under the influence of, or impaired by, any medication or drug and that she fully recognizes her right to appear before the Board for an evidentiary hearing on the allegations made against her. Defendant hereby voluntarily waives her right to a full hearing, submits to the jurisdiction of the Board and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Order. Defendant acknowledges that she has read and understands the terms and conditions stated herein, and that this Agreement may be reviewed and discussed with her by legal counsel prior to execution.

If the Board does not accept this Order, the Parties stipulate that it shall be regarded as null and void. Admissions by Defendant herein, if any, shall not be regarded as evidence against her in a subsequent disciplinary hearing. Defendant will be free to defend herself and no inferences

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will be made from her willingness to have this Order accepted by the Board. The Parties stipulate that neither the presentation of this Order nor the Board's consideration of this Order shall be deemed to have unfairly or illegally prejudiced the Board or its individual members and, therefore, shall not be grounds for precluding the Board nor any individual Board member from further participation in proceedings related to the matters set forth herein.

Findings of Fact

The Plaintiff, Defendant, and the Board staff each stipulate and agree as follows:

1. In Oklahoma, Defendant holds medical license no. 12250, originally issued April 9, 1984.
2. This action arises out of unprofessional conduct by the Defendant.
3. On December 31, 2020, a Verified Complaint ("2020 Complaint") and Citation were each filed by the Board. Hearing was set for March 11, 2021. Defendant was served by process.
4. Answer to Verified Complaint was filed February 22, 2021.

Conclusions of Law

5. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and is the 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.*
6. 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.
7. The Board is authorized to suspend, revoke or order any other appropriate conditions against the license of any physician or surgeon holding a license to practice medicine in the State of Oklahoma for unprofessional conduct. 59 O.S. §§ 503, 513(A)(1). The Board's action is authorized by 59 O.S. § 509.1.
8. The Board is authorized to accept voluntary submittals to jurisdiction mutually agreed to by parties to a disciplinary action to resolve the action without need for a hearing. 75 O.S. § 309(E); Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-5.1.
9. Based on the foregoing, Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct as follows:
 - a. Failure to maintain an office record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation, treatment, and medical necessity of treatment of the patient. 59 O.S. § 509(18).

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Orders

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

1. The Board hereby adopts the Agreement of the Parties in this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction, including the findings of fact and conclusions of law stated herein.
2. **JANITA M. ARDIS,, M.D.** shall comply with all of the following terms and conditions:

Specific Terms:

- a. Defendant, Janita M. Ardis, M.D., will close her practice on or before December 31, 2021 and at that time she will fully retire from the practice of medicine.
- b. If Dr. Ardis does not fully close her entire practice by December 31, 2021 her license will be immediately suspended.
- c. On or before January 1, 2022, Dr. Ardis may request Physician Emeritus (fully retired) status without the right to reapply for active status. In the event her request for Physician Emeritus is denied, she will immediately surrender her license. Okla. Admin. Code § 435:10-7-6.

Standard Terms:

- d. Defendant shall conduct her practice in compliance with the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act ("Act") as interpreted by the Board. Any question of interpretation regarding the Act or this Order shall be submitted in writing to the Board, and no action based on the subject of the question will be taken by Defendant until clarification of interpretation is received by Defendant from the Board or its authorized designee. 59 O.S. § 480, *et seq.*
- e. Defendant will keep current payment of all assessments by the Board for prosecution, investigation and monitoring of her case, unless Defendant affirmatively obtains a deferment of all or part of said fees upon presentation of evidence that is acceptable to the Board Secretary.
- f. Until such time as all indebtedness to the Board has been satisfied, Defendant will reaffirm said indebtedness in any bankruptcy proceeding.
- g. Upon request, Defendant shall make herself available for one or more personal appearances before the Board or its authorized designee.
- h. Failure to meet any of the terms of this Order will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend, revoke or modify Defendant's license after due notice and hearing.

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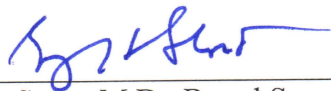
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3. Within thirty (30) days of this Order, Defendant shall pay the sum of \$13,500 which includes all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees, investigation costs, staff time, salary and travel expenses, witness fees and attorney's fees.
4. A copy of this Order shall be provided to Defendant as soon as it is processed.

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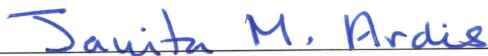
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Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.




Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary
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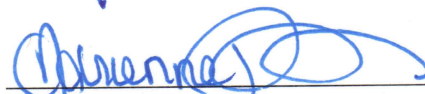
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Oklahoma)

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 14th day of May 2021,
_____, by [Defendant] Janita M. Ardis.





Notary Public
Commission Expiration: 8/3/24

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Certificate of Service

This is to certify that on the 1st day of June, 2021, a true and correct copy of this Order was transmitted as indicated, postage prepaid, to the following:

U.S. Certified Mail

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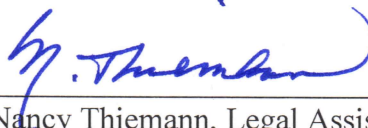
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