

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

RICHARD RANKIN, D.C.
License No. 1109

RESPONDENT

CONSENT DECREE

The Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereinafter "Board"), upon the recommendation of its president and counsel, enters into the following decree and agreement with respondent upon recommendation of his attorney.

I.

Richard Rankin, D.C., is a licensed chiropractic physician in the State of Arkansas and presently holds license number 1109 and has been licensed in the state since July 11, 1987.

II.

The Board, on May 10, 1994, issued a Notice of Hearing to Richard Rankin, D.C., for an adjudicatory hearing to be held on June 11, 1994. At the request of the attorney for the respondent, this hearing was continued until July 16, 1994. The factual allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing included complaints filed by four separate patients of the respondent. The complaints alleged unfit and incompetent practice by the respondent in that he used a device called an amplifier or Toftness in order to treat the patients. Furthermore, it was alleged that Ms. Lita

Helmich, one of the complainants, stated that the respondent removed her from taking medication called Premarin and replaced it with Cal-Ma Plus.

III.

Both the respondent and the Board wish to resolve this matter without the necessity of an adjudicatory hearing on July 16, 1994. In that regard, the respondent and Board enter into this Consent Decree without a formal finding of a violation of any rule or regulation of the Board or any section of the Arkansas Chiropractic Practices Act. Respondent specifically denies the allegations contained in the complaints and makes no admission of a violation of the rules and regulations of the Board or the Chiropractic Practices Act.

IV.

However, in order to resolve this matter, both the Board and the respondent agree to the following terms in settlement without the necessity of an adjudicatory hearing:

(a) The respondent shall not advise, consult with or otherwise instruct any patient with respect to the use of prescription medications.

(b) A letter of reprimand will be issued to the respondent and contained in his licensure file which will reflect a summation of the complaints in this case and attach this Consent Decree.

(c) The respondent agrees to have his license placed on probation for a period of two years.

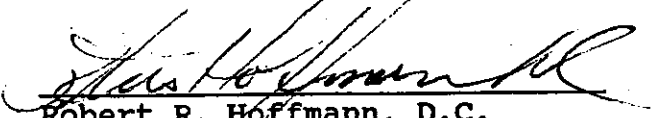
(d) The respondent agrees to pay the cost of the administrative expenses of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in pursuing this investigation.

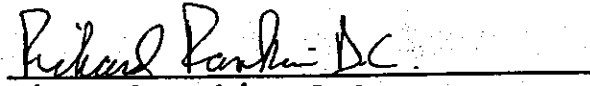
(e) Respondent agrees to the above sections of this decree and enters into this decree without any duress and with free will and upon advice of his attorney.

(f) The respondent further agrees that he will not utilize the "amplifier" or "Toftness" machine in the treatment of any patient.

WHEREFORE, the respondent and Board agrees that this Consent Decree shall be submitted to the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 16, 1994, for purposes of consideration. Respondent and Board further agree that if the Board does not accept this decree on July 16, 1994, this matter shall be continued until a day certain as soon as possible in order to resolve this matter by way of an adjudicatory hearing.

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS


Robert R. Hoffmann, D.C.
President


Richard Rankin, D.C.