

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
KENTUCKY STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION NO. 97-KSBP-0644

IN RE: PODIATRY LICENSE NO. 191
 HELD BY RONALD STEPHEN SLATICK

AGREED ORDER

The Kentucky State Board of Podiatry (hereinafter "the Board") and the Respondent, Ronald Stephen Slatick (hereinafter "Slatick"), in person and by counsel, and both parties, being fully advised and informed, state as follows:

(1) Slatick is a licensed podiatrist in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, having been issued Podiatry License No. 191 on April 27, 1989.

(2) Pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statutes ("KRS") Chapter 311, the Board is authorized to regulate and to control all matters related to podiatrists and podiatry, not delegated to another agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and this matter has not been delegated to another agency of the Commonwealth.

(3) The Board alleges that, during 1994 and 1995, Slatick submitted falsified certificates of malpractice insurance to Caldwell County Hospital in Princeton, Kentucky, Heritage Manor Healthcare Center in Mayfield, Mills Manor in Mayfield, and New Dawson Springs Nursing Home in Dawson Springs, Kentucky. The Continental Insurance Company had issued the certificates of malpractice insurance to John G. Ingram for policy number OUM-OPP9598834-1. The Board also alleges that Slatick removed Ingram's name from the certificates and placed his name on them prior to submission. Slatick has never been insured with Continental Insurance Company. The Board further alleges that Slatick submitted the falsified certificates to deceive the health care providers so

that they would believe that he maintained malpractice insurance and so that they would permit him to practice podiatry at their establishments. Slatick's actions, if proven, constitute acting in a willful manner which is inconsistent with the practice of podiatry in violation of KRS 311.480(13) and engaging in conduct likely to deceive or defraud the public in violation of KRS 311.480(16).

(4) Slatick neither admits nor denies the allegations of paragraph 3 of this agreed order; rather, he acknowledges that the Board has sufficient evidence to prove the allegations.

(5) After a mediation session on October 29, 1997, Slatick and the Board agree to address this matter by entering into this agreed order in lieu of a formal hearing before the Board.

(6) Following a review by the Board of the facts and circumstances associated with the case against Slatick, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND ORDERED:

(a) Slatick's podiatry license is SUSPENDED for three months, from January 1, 1998, through March 31, 1998; and

(b) Slatick is FINED the sum of \$8,000, with \$1,000 payable by certified check to the Kentucky State Treasurer on or before December 3, 1997, and with the remaining \$7,000 payable in \$1,000 increments by certified check on or before February 3, 1998, April 3, 1998, June 3, 1998, August 3, 1998, October 3, 1998, December 3, 1998, and February 3, 1999.

(7) Failure to comply with any term of this agreed order shall constitute a violation of a Board order and shall provide grounds to take disciplinary action against Slatick's license pursuant to KRS 311.480(10).

(8) By entering into this agreed order, Slatick expressly acknowledges that he was fully and completely informed by his counsel of the due process rights afforded to him under KRS

Chapters 13B and 311, that he fully understands those rights, and that he knowingly, voluntarily, and willingly agrees to waive those rights and to enter into this agreed order.

(9) The Board shall forward a copy of this agreed order to the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards and to the Illinois Podiatric Medical Licensure Board.

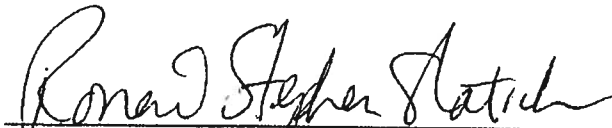
(10) The Board shall not refer this matter for any criminal proceeding.

(11) This agreed order is subject to disclosure under the Kentucky Open Records Act.

Entered this 3rd day of December, 1997.

KENTUCKY STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

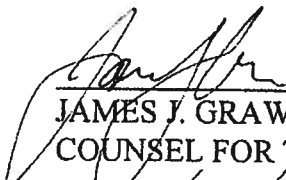
JOSEPH P. LEONE, PRESIDENT



RONALD STEPHEN SLATICK

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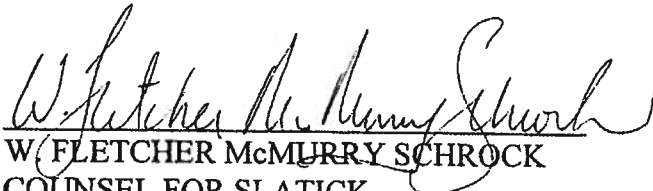
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