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IS TROUBLED LA. ABORTION DOCTOR VIOLATING HIS OWN PROBATION?

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NEW ORLEANS – Yesterday, Louisiana Right to Life sent [a letter of concern for public safety](#) to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners about Dr. Kevin Govan Work (Certificate No. MD.025394), a current abortionist at Delta Women’s Clinic in Baton Rouge and at Women’s Healthcare Center in New Orleans.

[Records show](#) Dr. Work has a history of unprofessional conduct and illegitimate practice, often occurring in the scope of work in outpatient abortion facilities, including:

- Allowing for his electronic signature to be used for treatment of patients he did not see;
- Failing to document at least two surgical operations, including termination of pregnancy;
- Allowing other medical personnel to treat patients without his supervision;
- Allowing unlicensed personnel to evaluate his patients and provide prenatal care; and
- Failing to document prescriptions for controlled substances.

He has also been accused by at least one of his own OBGYN patients of causing the unwanted death of her unborn child. According to allegations in a [2013 decision from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals](#) (Glenda Caceras et al vs. Kevin G. Work, M.D., et al), the patient visited Dr. Work’s office for a routine visit and ultrasound. Dr. Work’s office nurse instructed the patient to ingest three white pills that would cause her uterus to contract. After the patient told her

she was there for an ultrasound, the nurse instructed the patient to regurgitate the pills. Dr. Work then performed a pelvic exam and prescribed medication for an infection. Later that evening, the patient was taken to the emergency room at Ochsner Medical Center – West Bank, and her unborn baby, determined to be 16 weeks and six days along, died.

In a [2017 filing with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners](#), Dr. Work requested reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in Louisiana after a 2016 Interim Consent Order reinstated his status subject to specified terms, conditions, and restrictions. One condition was his successful passage of the Board Certification Examination in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Work told the board he was unable to satisfy this requirement and asked to be reinstated to work in the area of wound care. Following a review, the board reinstated his license effective June 20, 2017, and he was placed on probation for a period of two years, conditioned upon and subject to his acceptance and strict compliance with various terms, conditions, and restrictions. These conditions included a limitation of practice to a setting approved by the board in writing and that such practice setting not be one in which he worked as a solo practitioner.

Benjamin Clapper, Executive Director of Louisiana Right to Life, said the following after sending the letter: “Dr. Kevin Work, by practicing in these two OBGYN-focused abortion facilities as a solo practitioner without another doctor on site, appears from publicly-accessible documents to be in clear violation of his probation. Louisiana Right to Life has written to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners asking for clarity to be provided and swift action to be taken if Dr. Work is in violation. With his troubled history of threatening the health and safety of Louisiana citizens at outpatient abortion facilities, we would be shocked if the State Board of Medical Examiners authorized Dr. Work to practice abortion.”

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