

Section III, Question 2

Suspension of Hospital Privileges of Dallas Johnson, MD

My clinical privileges were suspended at Baylor Medical Center, Grapevine (BMCG) in Grapevine, Texas in May 1996. This action was the result of a disgruntled competitor's decision to submit false official reports about my medical practice. At my request and in accordance with the hospital bylaws, the matter was taken before a formal hearing where, after more than twenty witnesses testified over three days, the hearing officer (a practicing obstetrician/gynecologist from another Baylor Hospital System institution selected by BMCG) found no basis for the actions suspending my clinical privileges and directed my reinstatement. For reasons the hospital never disclosed, BMCG refused to follow the findings of the hearing officer and terminated my privileges. My recourse, after the hospital illegally suspended and terminated my privileges and filed false and defamatory reports to the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners and to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), was to file a lawsuit against the hospital and several named individuals for defamation and denial of my due process rights. I also appeared, at my request, at a hearing before the Grievance Committee of the Texas Medical Association. BMCG was also represented and presented evidence at that hearing and the Committee found the hospital had violated its own bylaws and denied me due process of law. The Texas Medical Association was prepared to submit a friend of the court opinion supporting my position had the matter gone to trial. I also appeared before the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners (TMB) where I was found not to have violated any portion of the Medical Practice Act of Texas. My lawsuit against BMCG was settled before trial at the request of BMCG and the other defendants for a substantial but non-disclosable amount of cash and correction of the previously submitted NPDB and TMB false reports. I was exonerated by a peer-review hearing officer, by the Texas Medical Association, and by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. Subsequent to settlement of my lawsuit BMCG invited me to rejoin the BMCG medical staff but, because of the malicious, non-collegial and unfriendly atmosphere at BMCG, I elected not to rejoin the BMCG hospital staff.

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