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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
	:	
WILLIAM P. ROMAN, JR., D.P.M.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0001177

Division of Enforcement Case No. 10 POD 011

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

William P. Roman, Jr., D.P.M.
12375 Tippecanoe Plaza
Crown Point, IN 46307

Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board
Department of Safety and Professional Services
1400 East Washington Avenue
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. William P. Roman, Jr., D.P.M., Respondent, (date of birth February 28, 1976), is licensed by the Wisconsin Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board to practice podiatric medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 904-25, which was first granted April 22, 2005. Respondent's credential is expired as of October 31, 2007; he retains the right to renew until October 31, 2012.

2. Respondent's address of record with the Department of Safety and Professional Services is 11080 Fayette Street, Crown Point, IN 46307.

3. At all times relevant to the proceeding, Respondent was working as a podiatrist at Luther Midelfort Clinic ("Clinic") in Barron, WI.

4. On June 24, 2005, Patient T.B. presented at the Clinic under the care of the Respondent. Patient T.B. complained of a painful bunion on her right foot.

5. On July 8, 2005, Respondent performed an Austin bunionectomy on Patient T.B.

6. Patient T.B. became dissatisfied with the cosmetic outcome of the procedure, and later developed pain and limitations in her foot. Patient sought further medical treatment by a different physician. Respondent was no longer working in the area.

7. On June 5, 2008, in Barron County Circuit Court, Case No. 08CV287, Patient T.B. filed a civil lawsuit against the Respondent. On May 6, 2010, pursuant to the jury's verdict, the court found Respondent negligent in the care and treatment of Patient T.B.

8. At this time, Respondent does not intend to renew his Wisconsin license and registration to practice podiatric medicine, nor does he intend to return to practice in Wisconsin.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.675(1)(c) and authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. A finding by a court that a podiatrist has acted negligently in treating a patient is conclusive evidence that the podiatrist is guilty of negligence in treatment. Wis. Stat. § 448.675(1)(b).

3. Based on the facts set forth above, Respondent committed negligence in treatment and he is therefore subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.675(1)(c).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. William P. Roman, Jr., D.P.M. is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2. Respondent shall, within 60 days of the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Safety and Professional Services TWO HUNDRED dollars (\$200.00), the Division's costs in investigating this matter.

3. Correspondence concerning this Order, and payments due shall be mailed or delivered to:

Department Monitor
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Enforcement
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Fax (608) 266-2264
Telephone (608) 267-3817

4. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the above costs, the Respondent's license (No. 904-25) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs.

5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

PODIATRY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

By: Jan Furner DPM
A Member of the Board

11/3/11
Date