

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of)	FINAL ORDER BY DEFAULT
Lance Hatch, D.C.)	
License No; 3225)	(REVOCATION)
)	
Licensee.)	Case # 2006-5005
_____)	

The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereafter "Board" or "OBCE") is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining chiropractic physicians and certified chiropractic assistants in the State of Oregon. Lance Hatch, D.C. (hereafter "Licensee"), is a licensed chiropractic physician in Oregon. The Board revokes the Licensee of Licensee for the following reasons:

Findings of Fact

1.

On July 30, 2006, Licensee submitted his license renewal form. On that form he stated he had been arrested or convicted for misdemeanor or felony crimes. That lead to investigation surrounding this issue. In his attachment provided on renewal, Licensee stated that he pled guilty to one charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government and had agreed to be a witness for the government in several cases.

On March 16, 2004, an information was issued against Licensee in the United States District Court, District of Utah for one count of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States. The information stated that while Licensee was a chiropractor in Utah, he became involved in an entity called Advanta Strategies which later became World Contractual Services. Licensee became involved in the selling and promoting of fraudulent "trust" schemes as a licensee of Advanta Strategies. Licensee conspired with others in the sale and promotion of the trust scheme including at least five other individuals. The information stated that the scheme was to defraud the United States Department of Treasury in the collection of federal income taxes. For a substantial fee, Licensee would sell to clients a trust scheme devised to conceal client income from the IRS and caused the clients to file false and fraudulent income tax returns and fail to pay their individual income taxes. Licensee also purchased a trust in his own name as well. In the court documents, Licensee admitted that he caused a total tax loss to the United States of approximately \$1,055,000.00 and a tax loss of \$248,000 as a result of his personal participation in the trust scheme and a loss of \$807,000 as a result of participation in the conspiracy. On August 7, 2006, Licensee pled guilty to one count of the information which was a felony in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 371, Conspiracy to Defraud the United States. Licensee was

sentenced to federal prison for 20 months and taken into custody. He was also assessed a \$10,000 fine. After release, he will be on supervision for 36 months and is under supervised release.

On November 27, 2006, a Notice of Proposed Discipline or Revocation was served on Licensee. On November 29, 2006, Licensee received that notice. His attorney received it on November 30, 2006. Neither Licensee or his attorney requested a hearing within the time period required and are now in default. In the Notice of Proposed Discipline, the notice indicated that the Board file would be considered the prima facie case of record for purposes of default.

Conclusions of Law

2.

The Board finds that Licensee's conduct as described herein is in violation of the following statutes:

ORS 684.100 (1)(d)

(1) The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may discipline a person upon any of the following grounds:

(a) Fraud or misrepresentation.

(d) A conviction of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. A copy of the record of conviction, certified to by the clerk of the court entering the conviction, is conclusive evidence of the conviction.

OAR 811-035-0015 Unprofessional Conduct in the Chiropractic Profession

Unprofessional conduct means any unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public; any departure from, or failure to conform to, the minimal standards of acceptable chiropractic practice; or a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare or safety of patients, in any of which cases proof of actual injury need not be established.

ORS 684.100(9) provides the Board with authority for revocation.

ORDER

Due to the aforementioned violations, the OBCE orders that the Licensee's License is hereby immediately revoked effective on the date of this final order. The Board finds that Licensee's conduct as described herein constitutes unprofessional conduct. The Board also finds that the conduct alleged and eventual conviction are related to and have bearing on Licensee's

fitness and ability to engage in the licensed activity, and warrant revocation of the license of Licensee.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 1st day of February 2007.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
State of Oregon

By: _____
Original signatures are on file in the OBCE office

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Dave McTeague
Executive Director

A party is entitled to judicial review of the Final Order. Judicial review is by the Oregon Court of Appeals pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.482. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review with the Office of State Court Administrator, Supreme Court Building, Salem, Oregon 97310. ORS 183.482 requires that an appeal is requested by filing a petition in the Court of Appeals within 60 days following the date the order upon which the petition is based is served.

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Certificate of Service

I, Dave McTeague, certify that on February 1, 2007, I served the foregoing Final Order by Default upon the party hereto by mailing, certified mail, postage prepaid, a true, exact and full copy thereof to:

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Dave McTeague
Executive Director
Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners