

CIVIL COVER SHEET

A-13-689250-C

-Clark County, Nevada

XIX

Case No.

(Assigned by Clerk's Office)

**I. Party Information**

Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone): PAUL FULGONI, individually, and as Husband and Administrator of the Estate of JERRI FULGONI, deceased, and JERRY KEGLEY

Attorney (name/address/phone):

GALEN D. SCHUTT, ESQ.

NEVADA BAR NUMBER 5487

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Defendant(s) (name/address/phone): JAMES VILT, M.D., individually, and in his capacity as a member of the "Senior Management Team" of SEVEN HILLS HOSPITAL, INC., a Delaware Corporation, aka/dba SEVEN HILLS BEHAVIORAL INSTITUTE; ACADIA HEALTHCARE CO., INC., a corporation, and DOES I through XXV, inclusive

Attorney (name/address/phone):

**II. Nature of Controversy** (Please check applicable bold category and applicable subcategory, if appropriate)

**Arbitration Requested**

**Civil Cases**

Real Property	Torts	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Landlord/Tenant</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Unlawful Detainer <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Title to Property</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Liens <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet Title <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Performance <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Condemnation/Eminent Domain</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other Real Property</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Partition <input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Zoning	Negligence <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Negligence – Auto</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Negligence – Medical/Dental</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Negligence – Premises Liability</b> (Slip/Fall) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Negligence – Other</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Product Liability</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability/Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other Torts/Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Intentional Misconduct</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Torts/Defamation (Libel/Slander) <input type="checkbox"/> Interfere with Contract Rights <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Employment Torts</b> (Wrongful termination) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other Torts</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-trust <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud/Misrepresentation <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Unfair Competition
Probate	Other Civil Filing Types	
Estimated Estate Value: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Summary Administration</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>General Administration</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Special Administration</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Set Aside Estates</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trust/Conservatorships</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Trustee <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Trustee <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other Probate</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Construction Defect</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 40 <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Breach of Contract</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Building & Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Carrier <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> Other Contracts/Acct/Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Collection of Actions <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Sale Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Commercial Code <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Civil Petition for Judicial Review</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosure Mediation <input type="checkbox"/> Other Administrative Law <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Motor Vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Appeal from Lower Court</b> (also check applicable civil case box) <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer from Justice Court <input type="checkbox"/> Justice Court Civil Appeal <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Civil Writ</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other Special Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other Civil Filing</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Compromise of Minor's Claim <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion of Property <input type="checkbox"/> Damage to Property <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Security <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Judgment – Civil <input type="checkbox"/> Other Personal Property <input type="checkbox"/> Recovery of Property <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholder Suit <input type="checkbox"/> Other Civil Matters

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**III. Business Court Requested** (Please check applicable category; *for Clark or Washoe Counties only.*)

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- NRS Chapters 78-88
- Commodities (NRS 90)
- Securities (NRS 90)

- Investments (NRS 104 Art. 8)
- Deceptive Trade Practices (NRS 598)
- Trademarks (NRS 600A)

- Enhanced Case Mgmt/Business
- Other Business Court Matters

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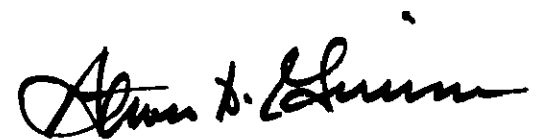
24 September 2013

Date

*Galen D. Schutt*

Signature of initiating party or representative

**See other side for family-related case filings.**



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2 **GALEN D. SCHUTT, ESQ.**  
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8 **DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

11 **PAUL FULGONI, individually, and as** )  
12 **Husband and Administrator of the Estate of** )  
13 **JERRI FULGONI, deceased, and JERRY** )  
14 **KEGLEY,** )

13 **Plaintiffs,** )

14 **vs.** )

15 **JAMES VILT, M.D., individually, and in his** )  
16 **capacity as a member of the "Senior** )  
17 **Management Team" of SEVEN HILLS** )  
18 **HOSPITAL, INC., a Delaware Corporation,** )  
19 **aka/dba SEVEN HILLS BEHAVIORAL** )  
20 **INSTITUTE; ACADIA** )  
21 **HEALTHCARE CO., INC., a corporation,** )  
22 **and DOES I through XXV, inclusive,** )

20 **Defendants.** )

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**CASE NO.**

**XI X**

**DEPT NO.**

**ARBITRATION EXEMPTIONS:**  
**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASE AND**  
**DAMAGES EXCEED \$50,000.00**

22 **COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES FOR WRONGFUL DEATH**

23 **(MEDICAL MALPRACTICE)**

24 **COME NOW**, plaintiffs, and complain and allege of defendants, and each of them, as  
25 follows:

26 **I**

27 At all times herein mentioned, plaintiffs' decedent, JERRI FULGONI, was a resident  
28 of Clark County, Nevada, until the time of her death. Plaintiff PAUL FULGONI was the husband of

1 plaintiffs' decedent; plaintiff JERRY KEGLEY was the father of plaintiffs' decedent; said plaintiffs are  
2 the sole heirs at law of plaintiffs' decedent, and, as such, are entitled to bring this action. Further,  
3 plaintiff PAUL FULGONI has been duly appointed Special Administrators of the Estate of JERRI  
4 FULGONI, deceased, by order of this court. Said plaintiff brings this action in both his individual and  
5 representative capacities.

## 6 II

7 Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that at all times herein mentioned,  
8 defendants, and each of them, were and are either residents of Clark County, Nevada, or corporations  
9 or other forms of business entities incorporated in and/or doing business in and by virtue of the laws  
10 of the state of Nevada, with their principal places of business in Clark County, Nevada and/or with  
11 sufficient minimum contacts with Clark County, Nevada in order to properly confer the jurisdiction of  
12 this Court over them. Further, there is not complete diversity between plaintiffs and defendants.

## 13 III

14 The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, of  
15 Defendants "Does I through XXV, inclusive," and each of them, are unknown to plaintiffs at this time  
16 and therefore plaintiffs sue said defendants by such fictitious names. When the true names and  
17 capacities of such fictitiously named defendants are ascertained, plaintiffs will amend this complaint  
18 accordingly. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that each such fictitiously  
19 designated defendant is in some manner responsible for the events and happenings herein alleged and  
20 in some manner caused the injuries and damages complained of herein.

## 21 IV

22 At all times herein mentioned, each defendant was the manager, agent, servant, joint  
23 venturer and employee of each of the other defendants and at all times herein mentioned was acting  
24 within the course and scope of said management, agency and employment and with the actual or  
25 constructive, prior and subsequent notice, knowledge, permission, acquiescence, ratification, adoption  
26 and consent of each of the other co-defendants.

## 27 V

28 At all times herein mentioned, defendants, and each of them, were physicians, medical

1 facilities or other providers of health care, all within the meaning of **NRS 41A.013, 449.0151, Chapter**  
2 **630** and all other applicable law.

### 3 VI

4 In or about October 2012, plaintiffs' decedent was placed and remained under the  
5 professional and medical care of defendants and each of them at defendants' Seven Hills Hospital, Inc.,  
6 aka/dba Seven Hills Behavioral Institute, in Clark County, Nevada, for purposes of obtaining diagnoses,  
7 medical care, treatment, surgery and other services to remedy a condition or malady from which she was  
8 suffering.

### 9 VII

10 At or about said time and place, defendant JAMES VILT, M.D., and certain "Doe"  
11 defendants, and each of them (hereinafter referred to as "defendants"), negligently, carelessly, recklessly  
12 and wantonly, in violation of law and in deviation from the standard of care to which said defendants  
13 are held, performed and failed to perform such diagnoses, prescriptions, care, treatment, and other  
14 services, performed incorrect and unnecessary procedures, failed to obtain informed consent, all of  
15 which constituted both ordinary negligence and medical malpractice. Such negligent, careless, reckless  
16 and wanton acts and omissions, in violation of law, include, but are not limited to failing to carefully  
17 performing and documenting plaintiffs' decedent's complete opioid drug history, not knowing and  
18 documenting plaintiffs' decedent's total daily opioid use prior to switching plaintiffs' decedent from  
19 other opioids to methadone, prescribing excessively large amounts of methadone to plaintiffs' decedent,  
20 increasing the methadone dosage too quickly, increasing the methadone in too large a dose, failing to  
21 request a pain medicine consult to advise on how to prescribe methadone to the decedent since said  
22 defendants lacked the requisite skill, experience and knowledge to prescribe methadone for chronic pain  
23 to plaintiffs' decedent, as well as failing to perform other proper, medically indicated and appropriate  
24 procedures and other acts and omissions, which were the direct and proximate cause of the death of  
25 plaintiffs' decedent on or about 7 October 2012, and of injuries and damages to plaintiffs, as herein  
26 alleged.

### 27 VIII

28 Attached hereto as Exhibit "1" in full compliance with **NRS 41A.071** is an affidavit

1 (with attached *curriculum vitae*) supporting the allegations contained herein, submitted by a medical  
2 expert who practices or has practiced in an area that is substantially similar to the type of practice  
3 engaged in by defendants at the time of the malpractice alleged herein. Plaintiffs incorporate Exhibit  
4 “1” herein by reference as though set forth in full hereat.

#### 5 IX

6 As a direct and proximate result of the acts, omissions and other conduct of defendants,  
7 as herein alleged, and the death of plaintiffs’ decedent, plaintiffs have suffered and sustained special  
8 and general damages contemplated by and recoverable under *NRS 41.085* and, to the extent applicable,  
9 *NRS 41.100*, and all applicable law, including but not limited severe, serious and permanent injuries  
10 and damages, including but not limited to special damages and general damages for grief and sorrow,  
11 loss of probable support, companionship, society, comfort, loss of consortium, and damages for the pain  
12 and suffering of plaintiffs’ decedent, all to plaintiffs’ damage in amounts presently unknown, in excess  
13 of \$10,000.00; plaintiffs will pray leave to amend this complaint when said amounts have been  
14 ascertained and insert same herein with appropriate allegations.

#### 15 X

16 Defendants have failed and refused to pay plaintiffs’ damages, as herein alleged, despite  
17 plaintiffs’ demand. As a result, plaintiffs have been required to employ the services of attorneys and  
18 counselors at law and has necessarily incurred attorneys’ fees and costs in connection therewith, in  
19 amounts presently unknown; plaintiffs will pray leave to amend this complaint when said amounts have  
20 been ascertained and insert same herein with appropriate allegations.

21 **WHEREFORE**, plaintiffs, expressly reserving all rights to amend this complaint at or  
22 before the time of the trial of the action herein to include all items of damage not yet ascertained and  
23 as otherwise provided by law, demand judgment against defendants, and each of them, as follows:

- 24 1. For general damages in a sum in excess of \$10,000.00;
- 25 2. For special damages in a sum in excess of \$10,000.00;
- 26 3. For costs of suit incurred herein;
- 27 4. For attorneys’ fees;
- 28 5. For pre- and postjudgment interest, and

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6. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just in the premises.

**Dated this 24th day of September, 2013.**

**LAW OFFICES OF GALEN D. SCHUTT**

*Galen D. Schutt*

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EXHIBIT “1”



### **AFFIDAVIT OF LARRY MICHAEL NAHMIA, M.D.**

1. My name is Larry Michael Nahmias, M.D. and I am over the age of twenty-one (21), and I have never been convicted of a felony, and I am fully competent to make this Affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below. These facts are true and correct.
2. My qualifications for this Affidavit are set forth in my Curriculum Vitae attached to this Affidavit and include my work as a consultant for the Texas Medical Board in which I review the care provided by psychiatrists who are the subject of complaints filed with the Texas Medical Board and provide my opinion as to whether the psychiatrist met the minimum standards of care required by the Texas Medical Board. I have worked as a consultant in this capacity since 2000 and have reviewed the treatment and care provided by psychiatrists in a variety of settings, including psychiatric hospitals. I am a psychiatrist in full time private practice. I practice and have expertise and knowledge in the same area of the defendant psychiatrist who treated the deceased and I know the standard of care for the defendant psychiatrist's treatment of the deceased.
3. I have reviewed the following records for Jerri Fulgoni, deceased; date of death- 7 October 2012.
  - a. Medical Records from Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center, 10/02/2012 through 10/3/2012 (173 pages)
  - b. Records from Medic West Ambulance, Inc. (6 pages) including ambulance notes for 10/2/2012.
  - c. Medical Records from Seven Hills Behavioral Institute, (10/03/12 through 10/07/2012) (218 pages)
  - d. Clark County Coroner/Medical Examiner Report of Investigation case number: 12-09129 report with autopsy report and attached post-mortem toxicology reports and autopsy report summary signed by Lisa Gavin, M.D., M.P.H.
  - e. Cardiovascular Consultants medical records with attached cardiology studies from 08/30/2012 to 09/25/2012. (20 pages)
  - f. Humana Prescription History for Jerri Fulgoni, 07/24/2012 to 09/30/2012.

g. Humana Prescription History for Jerri Fulgoni, 01/01/2006 to 08/14/2013. (8 pages)

#### 4. Summary of Materials Received and Reviewed

Jerri Fulgoni, on 10/02/2012 reportedly took an intentional overdose of various pills and called 911. She remained conscious and alert during her emergency transport to Desert Springs Hospital Emergency Room. Vital signs were normal but her blood sugar was very elevated. At the emergency room, her urine drug screen was positive only for opiates although Ms. Fulgoni admitted to taking several other medications in addition to morphine before calling 911. The emergency room notes list methadone 5 mg. as one of her medications. She denies any history of substance abuse. While in the emergency room, her elevated blood sugar was treated (she had not taken her insulin for several days). In the emergency room, she was cooperative, alert and oriented. Ms. Fulgoni describes a history of chronic pain due to multiple herniated discs as well as hypertension and syncope (fainting) recently evaluated by a cardiologist. The records show at 22:04 on 10/2/2012, Ms. Fulgoni received 7.5 mg. of oral morphine for pain. In addition, the decedent was being evaluated for undiagnosed chest pain and was to wear a monitor for her heart for four weeks. After being medically stabilized, Dr. Vilt accepted her as his patient and she was transferred to Seven Hills Behavioral Institute admitted by Keith Breiland, M.D. under the care of James Vilt, M.D. The admitting diagnoses were noted as Mood Disorder secondary to chronic pain according to Dr. Vilt's admitting note 10/4/2012. Dr. Vilt's patient history notes the deceased "...is taking various amounts of Percocet, Lortab and morphine." Dr. Vilt's dictated admission evaluation does not document the decedent's most recent total daily dose of opioid medications nor a detailed history of past pain medications. Dr. Vilt prescribes methadone 10 mg. four times a day and he discontinues any Percocet, Lortab and morphine. The records note the deceased has a chronic pain syndrome secondary to back surgeries and is or has been under the care of pain specialists in the past. Because of persistent pain complaints, Dr. Vilt increases the deceased methadone to 20 mg. three times a day on 10/05/12 but the deceased first total 60 mg. daily dose begins 10/06/2012. Jerri Fulgoni was found unresponsive with vomitus in her mouth and airway during a bed check at approximately 01:00 am on 10/7/12. The Clark County Coroner determined cause of death as methadone intoxication and commented on the dangerously rapid increase in methadone during her hospital stay at Seven Hills Behavioral Institute.

#### 5. Standard of Care and Deviation from the Standard of Care

The Standard of Care for a Physician Prescribing medication is to know how to prescribe the medication in the best interests of the patient.

The standard of care when admitting a chronic pain patient to an inpatient facility is to do a detailed history of past and current pain medications prescribed and to know the total daily dose of opioid medications before prescribing any opioid medications, if at all.

The standard of care when switching from an opioid to methadone is to know the total daily dose of the opioid and to use conversion tables to know the equivalent daily dose of methadone taking into consideration what is known as “incomplete cross tolerance.” This means that when switching from one opioid to another, there should be a total daily dose reduction from 15% to 50% or more, especially when switching to methadone.

The standard of care when prescribing methadone for chronic pain is to start at very low doses and increase dosing very slowly due to the unique risks inherent with methadone. Respiratory depression and death are well known consequences of too high dosing and too rapid increases in dosing.

Dr. Vilt failed to meet the standard of care by not performing and documenting a careful opioid drug history. Dr. Vilt failed to meet the standard of care by not knowing and documenting the decedent’s total daily opioid use prior to switching the decedent from other opioids to methadone.

Because he did not know this information, Dr. Vilt failed to meet the standard of care by prescribing excessively large amounts of methadone to the decedent.

Dr. Vilt failed to meet the standard of care by increasing the methadone too quickly.

Dr. Vilt failed to meet the standard of care by increasing the methadone in too large a dose.

Dr. Vilt failed to meet the standard of care by not requesting a pain medicine consult to advise Dr. Vilt on how to prescribe methadone to the decedent since Dr. Vilt lacked the requisite skill, experience and knowledge to prescribe methadone for chronic pain to the decedent.

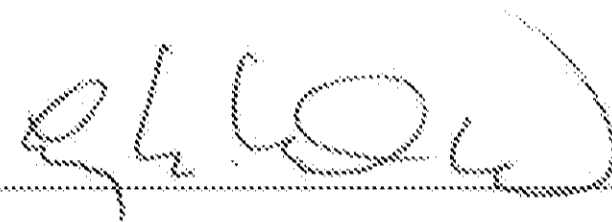
## 6. Causation

Dr. Vilt’s breach of the standard of care is due to his failure to use reasonable care, skill and knowledge ordinarily used under the same or similar circumstances when prescribing methadone. His breach of the

standard of care is the proximate cause of Ms. Fulgoni's death from respiratory depression secondary to methadone overdose.

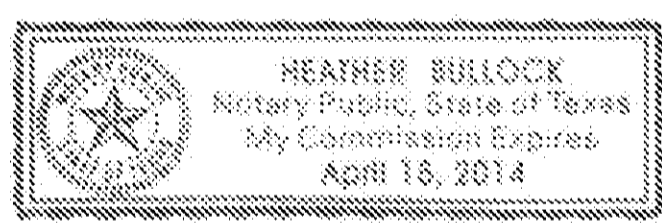
Further Affiant Sayeth Not.

SIGNED this 4 day of September, 2013



Larry M. Nahmias, M.D.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this 4 day of September 2013.

  
Notary Public, State of Texas

## **Curriculum Vitae of Larry M. Nahmias, M.D.**

Office Phone: 281-333-2278  
Emergency Cell Phone: 281-832-1554  
E-mail:bnahm@me.com

### **Professional Experience:**

1990-Present	Psychiatrist, Private Practice Houston, Texas
1990	Medical Case Management Review Physician for Prudential Insurance (10 hrs/week)
1981-1990	Psychiatrist, Private Practice Tucson, Arizona
1976-1978	General Practitioner Winooski, Vermont
1978	Emergency Medicine Physician, part-time, Fanny Allen Hospital Winooski, Vermont

### **Educational Background:**

1978-1981	University of Arizona Health Science Center, Tucson, Arizona PGY II – PGY IV Psychiatry Resident
1975-1976	University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vermont Pathology Internship
1971-1975	Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana M.D. degree
1972	June-August-Stanford University Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Physical and Rehabilitative Medicine
1968-1971	Miami University, Oxford, Ohio B.A. Cum Laude with General Honors

### **Certification Status:**

2004-2014	Board Re-certification in Forensic Psychiatry #173
2009-2019	Board Re-certification in Addiction Psychiatry #1389
2001-2004	Certified Medical Review Officer for AAMRO #010722232

2001-2004	Diplomate American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians #65626
2000 -2010	Board Certified in Pain Management #26
1995-1999	Designated Physician Texas Workers Compensation
1998	Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Medicine #17018
1998-2008	Board Certified in Addiction Psychiatry #1389
1994-2004	Board Certified in Forensic Psychiatry #173
1983-Present	Diplomate American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology #24559

**Medical Licensure:**

1990	Texas – No. H-7473
1978	Arizona – No. 10580
1975	Indiana – No. 01026322A

**Honors and Awards:**

Letter of Appreciation from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

Letter of Appreciation from the U.S. Marshall Service, 2004

Falk Fellow Nominee, Department of Psychiatry, 1978

Phi Sigma Society

Phi Beta Kappa

**Medical Director Positions:**

1999-2003	Medical Director and Review Officer – Precision Testing Houston, Texas
1991-2002	Medical Director and Chief Executive Officer New Dimensions Day Treatment Facility Houston (Clear Lake), Texas
1992-1993	Medical Director, HCA Deer Park Psychiatric Hospital Deer Park, Texas
1992-1993	Medical Director, Interface EAP, Houston, Texas
1990-1992	Co-Medical Director and Co-founder: Synergy Inpatient Treatment Program (A Treatment Program for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) Baywood Hospital, Webster, Texas

1989 -1990 Medical Director for the Women's Treatment Unit  
HCA Hospital, Tucson, Arizona

**Professional Positions:**

2012 Approved Evaluator for the Texas Board of Nursing  
Austin, Texas

2000-Present Consultant to Texas State Board of Medical Examiners

1999-2008 Consultant and Member of the Pasadena Police Department Hostage Negotiation Team

2003-2008 Approved Doctor for the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission  
Austin, Texas

2005-2006 Secretary of the Public Grievance Committee  
Harris County Medical Society

2004-2006 Member of the Public Grievance Committee  
Harris County Medical Society  
Houston, Texas

1993 & 1995 & 2003 Examiner for the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology

2001-2003 Alternate Member for the American Board of Medical Specialties National Pain  
Management Examinations

2001-2003 Member of the Medical Certification Committee for Physicians  
Medical Branch Health Care Systems

1999 Consultant and Member – Wyle Laboratories Institutional Review Board

1984-1986 Professional Consultant, Association of Children with Learning Disabilities– Arizona  
Chapter

1982-1986 Associate in Psychiatry  
University of Arizona Health Sciences Center  
Tucson, Arizona

1981 Chief Resident – Psychiatric Consultation and Liaison Service

1980-1981 Resident Member, University Hospital Emergency Room Utilization Committee

1979-1980 Psychiatric Consultant and Member, Heart Transplant Committee

1978-1981 Resident Member, Residency Curriculum Committee

**Memberships:**

Arizona Medical Association  
American College of Legal Medicine – Associate in Medicine  
American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law  
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry  
Texas Medical Society  
Harris County Medical Society  
Texas Pain Society  
World Association for Transgender Health  
Houston Psychiatric Society

**Special Presentations:**

- 2013      The Counsel on Alcohol and Drugs Houston  
            “The Role of the Psychiatrist in the Treatment of Pain and Chemical Dependency”
- 2009      Clinical Evaluation and Treatment of Gender Identity Disorder
- 2008      Treatment of Opiate Addiction with Buprenorphine  
            Krist Samaritan Center
- 2007      Forensic Psychiatry: Practical Considerations  
            Krist Samaritan Center
- 2006      Texas Hostage Negotiation Seminar  
            Psychiatric Disorders and Hostage Negotiation  
            Houston, Texas
- 2004      Organon Pharmaceuticals, Inc  
            “Maintaining Standards of Care in Opioid Therapy”  
            San Antonio, Texas
- 2004      Organon Pharmaceuticals, Inc  
            “Maintaining Standards of Care in Opioid Therapy”  
            Houston, Texas
- 2003      Krist Samaritan Center for Counseling and Education  
            “Utilization Review and Pre Certification for Private Practice”  
            Houston, Texas
- 2003      Johnson Space Center  
            Fitness for Duty Evaluations  
            Houston, Texas
- 2003      Psychiatric Disability Evaluation  
            Department of Psychiatry: UTMB  
            Galveston, Texas
- 2002      Pasadena Police Department  
            “How to Manage Your Feelings During Hostage Negotiations”  
            Pasadena, Texas
- 2002      Johnson Space Center  
            “Ambiguity, How to Live in Uncertain Times”