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19 **DISTRICT COURT**
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21 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

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23 RENEE A. KULON, Individually as Mother
24 and Heir and as Special Administrator on
behalf of the Estate of STACI ANNE VOYDA,
Deceased; and STEVEN VOYDA, Individually
as Father and Heir of STACI ANNE VOYDA,

25 Case No.:

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27 Arbitration Exemption Requested:
28 Medical Negligence Pursuant to
29 NRS 41.A *et seq*

30 **COMPLAINT**

31 KEVIN RAY BUCKWALTER, M.D.,
32 Individually; KEVIN BUCKWALTER, M.D.,
33 LTD., a Nevada Corporation, and DOES 1-10,
34 inclusive

35 Defendants.

1 Plaintiffs, RENEE A. KULON, Individually as an heir, and as Special Administrator for the
2 Estate of STACI ANNE VOYDA, deceased, and STEVEN VOYDA, Individually as an heir of
3 STACI ANNE VOYDA, by and through their attorneys, Peter C. Wetherall, Esq., of White &
4 Wetherall, LLP and Kay L. Van Wey, Esq., of Van Wey & Johnson, LLP, hereby aver and allege in
5 support of their Complaint against Defendants as follows:

6 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

7 1. At all relevant times, Decedent Staci Anne Voyda (Staci Voyda and/or Decedent)
8 was an adult, competent resident of Clark County, Nevada, and the natural daughter of Renee A.
9 Kulon.

10 2. At all relevant times, Plaintiff Renee A. Kulon (Renee Kulon) was an adult,
11 competent resident of Clark County, Nevada, and the natural mother of Staci Anne Voyda,
12 Deceased (Staci Voyda). She sues in her individual capacity as an heir, and as Special
13 Administrator of the Estate of Stacy Voyda (appointment pending).

14 3. At all relevant times, Plaintiff Steven Voyda was an adult, competent resident of
15 Maricopa County, Arizona, and the natural father of Decedent Staci Voyda.

16 4. At all relevant times, Defendant Kevin Ray Buckwalter, M.D. (Buckwalter) was a
17 Nevada-licensed provider of health care as defined by NRS 41A.013 and NRS 41A.017, who
18 conducted business as Kevin Buckwalter, M.D., Ltd., practiced medicine in Clark County, Nevada,
19 and held himself out as a competent physician. Kevin Buckwalter, M.D., Ltd. is a domestic
20 professional corporation incorporated in the State of Nevada.

21 5. At all relevant times, Defendant DOES 1-10 were persons, corporations,
22 partnerships, physicians, nurses, or health insurance entities whose negligence (and/or medical
23 malpractice) contributed to causing injury and suffering to Plaintiffs' Decedent, by acquiescing or
24 participating in the tortious acts described herein with constructive or actual knowledge of the harm

1 being done to Plaintiffs' Decedent, by aiding and abetting Dr. Buckwalter's improper prescribing to
2 Plaintiffs' Decedent, by negligently filling Dr. Buckwalter's prescriptions for Plaintiffs' Decedent,
3 by negligently directing Plaintiffs' Decedent to treat with Dr. Buckwalter as a condition of payment
4 of health insurance benefits, or whose relationship to the other Defendants makes them liable under
5 an agency or *respondeat superior* theory, but whose identities are as yet unknown. Plaintiffs shall
6 seek leave to amend the Complaint upon identification of said DOES 1 - 10.

6. Each and every act which gives rise to this Complaint occurred in Clark County, Nevada.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

7. Staci Voyda was a young woman who had struggled with prescription narcotic addiction. On February 23, 2007, she decided to seek help by seeing a doctor. She specifically decided to go see Dr. Kevin Buckwalter about her addiction to the powerful and frequently abused narcotic pain reliever Oxycontin. Although Dr. Buckwalter's medical records are silent about Staci's struggles with addiction, he wrote her prescriptions for 90 Methadone and 120 Clonazepam, and authorized their refill on March 24, 2007. Methadone is a narcotic which can be prescribed for pain or to reduce withdrawal symptoms for patients who are addicted to other narcotics. Dr. Buckwalter saw Staci again on March 27, 2007, and at that time he prescribed 120 Xanax and 150 Methadone. Xanax is a highly addictive anti-anxiety drug which is known to be one of the most abused drugs in America. Dr. Buckwalter changed her prescription from Clonazepam, another anti-anxiety drug to Xanax because Stacy asked for it. He issued her a prescription for Xanax 2 mg, which is the highest dose available and wrote the prescription for 120 tablets, a startling number especially given her history of prescription drug addiction. Again on April 25, 2007, Dr. Buckwalter issued Staci prescriptions for 120 tablets of Xanax, and on May 25, 2007, another 60 Methadone and 120 Xanax.

1 8. Over the course of Staci Voyda's treatment with Dr. Buckwalter, she continued to
2 struggle with her attempts to break free of her addiction to the prescription narcotics, but her path
3 kept leading back to Kevin Buckwalter, M.D. As Dr. Buckwalter continued to prescribe escalating
4 doses of narcotics which, under the circumstances, were life threatening for Staci.

5 9. On June 2, 2007 Dr. Buckwalter wrote her another prescription for 120 Xanax and 60
6 Methadone and wrote another prescription for an additional 120 Xanax on June 10, 2007 (8 days
7 later). Meanwhile, on June 8, 2007 Staci inadvertently overdosed on the Methadone that Dr.
8 Buckwalter had prescribed along with alcohol. Even to the observation of the emergency room
9 physician based on a one time encounter with Staci, concluded that she was apparently abusing the
10 Xanax Dr. Buckwalter was prescribing for her and further concluded that she was at high risk for
11 another accidental overdose. Regardless, on June 21, 2007 Dr. Buckwalter wrote her a prescription
12 for 100 tablets of hydrocodone, a highly addictive and frequently abused prescription pain
13 medication.

14 10. As Staci went on a steady decline, Dr. Buckwalter continued prescribing staggering
15 amounts of controlled substances. In July and August of 2007, she was provided a total of 480
16 Xanax as well as 100 hydrocodone. On September 7, 2007 he prescribed 120 tablets of
17 hydrocodone and then on September 14, 2007 he wrote a prescription for 120 tablets of Xanax. In
18 October, she was provided 120 Xanax and another 120 in November of 2007. In December of
19 2007, she received an additional 120 Xanax as well as 180 hydrocodone. She received another 240
20 Xanax in January of 2008 as well as 180 hydrocodone. In March 2008, she received 240 Xanax ,
21 plus an additional 95 Xanax and 180 hydrocodone. On April 15, 2008, Dr. Buckwalter provided
22 her prescriptions for 120 Xanax and 180 hydrocodone. On May 13, 2008 she filled his prescriptions
23 for 120 Xanax and another 180 hydrocodone. On June 12, 2008, she received another 120 Xanax
24 and another 180 hydrocodone. Predictably, on July 25, 2008 she received another 120 Xanax and

1 180 hydrocodone. Remarkably, on July 29, 2008 Dr. Buckwalter gave her a prescription for 70
2 oxycodone, which is one of the primary ingredients in the drug Oxycontin to which she had been
3 addicted. He issued additional prescriptions for oxycodone, a total of 360 tablets in August. Staci
4 gradually lost all hope of ever beating her addiction problems. She spiraled tragically downhill and
5 was unable to exercise clear judgment. On August 26, 2008 while under the influence of the drugs
6 Dr. Buckwalter provided her, she inflicted a fatal gunshot to her head. She was only 21 years old at
7 the time of her death.

8 11. The tragic circumstances leading to Staci Voyda's death were part of a pattern and
9 practice of Dr. Buckwalter which involved the unnecessary and inappropriate prescription of
10 controlled substances.

11 12. Dr. Buckwalter described his medical practice as basically that of common diseases,
12 ranging from diabetes to the common cold, flus, and small injuries. Despite having no known
13 training or experience in the medical specialty of pain management, Dr. Buckwalter treated
14 numerous patients, including Staci Voyda with large quantities and combinations of controlled
15 substances. In many cases, Dr. Buckwalter did not adequately assess the patient's legitimate medical
16 need for the controlled substance, the potential toxic interaction of the drugs he prescribed or the
17 effect of the long term prescription of the controlled substances on the patient. Tragically, several of
18 Dr. Buckwalter's patients unintentionally overdosed and died as a result of his reckless provision of
19 the potentially lethal drugs.

20 13. Dr. Buckwalter routinely failed to maintain adequate medical records of his patients
21 and willfully destroyed and altered the scant medical records he did maintain, thereby concealing his
22 negligence from his patients and those who might endeavor to stop his dangerous prescribing
23 practices. By way of example, Dr. Buckwalter's practice was to not keep a record the individual

1 prescriptions he wrote for his patients, because according to him, he had a routine about the amount
2 of medications that he wrote.

3 14. Dr. Buckwalter contributed to the growing epidemic of prescription drug abuse in
4 this country. Dr. Buckwalter knew that many of the patients who he provided controlled substances
5 to were suffering from emotional problems, prior or ongoing addiction problems, and in some cases
6 that they lacked the judgment to make decisions about what was in their own best interest. These
7 patients relied on Dr. Buckwalter to uphold his Hippocratic oath of "Physician Do No Harm." In
8 sum, they trusted him. Rather than trying to heal his patients, Dr. Buckwalter became little more
9 than a drug dealer in a white lab coat.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

**MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE/WRONGFUL DEATH AGAINST DEFENDANTS KEVIN RAY
BUCKWALTER, M.D. and KEVIN BUCKWALTER, M.D., LTD.**

13 15. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege and hereby incorporate each and every allegation
contained in the previous paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

16. A physician/patient relationship was formed between Staci Voyda, deceased, and
17 Defendants Kevin Buckwalter, M.D., Individually and d/b/a Kevin Buckwalter, M.D., Ltd., by
18 virtue of medical treatment rendered to Staci Voyda. It was the duty of Defendant Buckwalter to
19 exercise that degree of care and skill in providing medical care to Staci Voyda as is ordinarily
20 exercised by reasonably skilled practitioners of the medical arts and sciences under the same or
21 similar circumstances. Defendant Buckwalter negligently and carelessly committed one or more
22 wrongful acts and omissions. Plaintiffs would show that at the times and on the occasions
complained of, Defendant Buckwalter was negligent, and such negligence proximately caused
damages and injuries to Decedent, Staci Voyda in the following particulars:

24 A. Failing to properly evaluate, assess, diagnose and treat Decedent Staci Voyda's individual medical conditions;

- B. Prescribing unnecessary or inappropriate medications;
- C. Failing to keep adequate records of the medications prescribed;
- D. Prescribing controlled substances without a valid medical purpose;
- E. Failing to provide critical information about the risks and hazards inherent in the prescriptions, which could have influenced a reasonable person in making a decision about whether to take such medication(s);
- F. Failing to adequately assess and treat Staci Voyda's complaints;
- G. Failing to appropriately treat the signs and symptoms of Staci Voyda associated with the risks and hazards of taking the prescription drugs;
- H. Failing to act as a reasonable and prudent physician would have under the same or similar circumstances; and
- I. Failing to comply with the applicable standard of care as it related to his care and treatment of Staci Voyda.

17. Each of these acts and omissions, singularly or in combination with others, constitute negligence which proximately caused the occurrences made the basis of Plaintiffs' action and the injuries and damages to Staci Voyda.

18. At all relevant times, Dr. Buckwalter owed a duty of reasonable and prudent care to Staci Voyda. That duty included, but was not limited to the addressing of all urgent and potentially life-threatening conditions at the time Stacy presented with the symptoms and complaints.

19. As confirmed by the Declaration of Plaintiffs' expert, Andrea M. Trescot, M.D., attached as Exhibit 1 hereto (incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein), Defendant Dr. Buckwalter was directly responsible for the patient's continued and escalating addiction to opioids and benzodiazopams; he continued to prescribe these addictive and depressive medicines despite multiple warning signs, including hospitalization for overdose. The patient was open and upfront with the hospital personnel regarding her addiction, but Dr. Buckwalter did not change his

1 practice or curb his poor prescribing techniques, despite having received a written and oral
2 confirmation of the overdose. Upon information and belief, Dr. Buckwalter did not ask the patient
3 about her use of opioids, but rather functioned as a legalized drug dealer, apparently giving the
4 patient anything she asked for.

5 20. Dr. Buckwalter breached the requisite standard of care by failing to take an adequate
6 history, failing to keep adequate records of the medications prescribed, failing to acknowledge and
7 properly treat Staci Voyda's complaints, failing to perform an adequate physical exam, failing to
8 monitor the effects of the medications prescribed, and failing to tailor the medications for the
9 individual patient, all in violation of the reasonable standard of care.

10 21. It was highly foreseeable that the prescription of a massive amount of opiates to Staci
11 Voyda would attribute to Staci's drug addiction and that failing to properly treat Staci Voyda could
12 lead to additional complications, thoughts of suicide, and death. Dr. Buckwalter's acts and
13 omissions were a blatant disregard for the safety of his patient. Had Dr. Buckwalter followed the
14 standard of care set out above, in all probability Staci Voyda would not have died.

15 22. Upon information and belief Dr. Buckwalter has concealed his acts and omissions
16 through failing to maintain accurate and complete medical records relating to prescribing controlled
17 substances for his patients, making incomplete notations in the patient's medical records regarding
18 their care and treatment, and alteration of patient records.

19 23. Further, Dr. Buckwalter's prescribing of controlled substances deviated from the
20 guidelines set forth in the Model Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment
21 of Pain. Dr. Buckwalter violated NAC 630.040, which defines malpractice as "the failure of a
22 physician, in treating a patient, to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under
23 similar circumstances." Dr. Buckwalter violated 630.3062(1), the "failure to maintain timely,
24 legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a

1 patient.” Upon information and belief Dr. Buckwalter violated NAC 630.230(1)(l), which is to
2 “engage in the practice of writing prescriptions for controlled substances to treat acute pain or
3 chronic pain in a manner that deviates from the guidelines set forth in the Model Guidelines for the
4 Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain.”

5 24. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Buckwalter's medical
6 negligence/malpractice as herein alleged, Stacy Voyda was caused to incur severe and irreparable
7 pain, injury, and prolonged suffering, resulting in her past medical expenses, conscious pain and
8 suffering, loss of quality of life, and subsequent death.

9 25. Plaintiffs Renee Kulon and Steven Voyda are entitled as heirs of Decedent Stacy
10 Voyda to the following damages: mental anguish damages for their grief and sorrow,
11 companionship, society, comfort and consortium of the decedent in an amount in excess of
12 \$10,000.00 each.

13 26. Plaintiff Renee Kulon, in her capacity as Special Administrator for the Estate of
14 Stacy Voyda, is entitled to the following damages: medical expenses which the decedent incurred
15 or sustained before her death, funeral and burial expenses; and any penalties, including, but not
16 limited to, exemplary or punitive damages, that the decedent would have recovered if she had lived,
17 in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE – PER NRS 598/NRS 41.600

20 27. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege and hereby incorporate each and every allegation
contained in the previous paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

22 28. At all relevant times, Defendant Kevin Buckwalter, M.D. owned and operated a
23 medical clinic and purported to provide general medical care to his patients. Dr. Buckwalter held
himself out to the public as being dedicated to patient needs, providing proper medical care, and

1 being one of the area's top family doctors with award winning attention to family care. Further, Dr.
2 Buckwalter attributed his self proclaimed success to his commitment to proper health care and real
3 world experience in providing the best health care possible for his patients. Dr. Buckwalter's
4 patterns and practices regarding the medical care provided to his patients (and lack thereof) did not
5 remotely correlate with the practices and reputation he purported to maintain.

6 29. Upon information and belief Defendant Buckwalter routinely engaged in the practice
7 of writing prescriptions for controlled substances to patients without properly performing physical
8 examinations of the patients, without obtaining a complete patient medical history, without
9 maintaining accurate and complete medical records pertaining to his patient's complaints, diagnosis,
10 treatment, and/or prescribing of controlled substances to his patients. Further, Dr. Buckwalter
11 routinely failed to properly monitor the amounts prescribed and/or use of controlled substances by
12 his patients. The foregoing acts of Defendant in knowingly engaging in practices and procedures at
13 his medical clinic which involved the prescribing of controlled substances to patients who did not
14 possess a legitimate medical need for the substances and prescribing excessive doses of narcotics,
15 and which created a foreseeable risk of overdose, life threatening medical risks and hazards, and/or
16 death constitute malpractice, fraudulent concealment, and violations of the Deceptive Trade
17 Practices Act. Eventually, as a result Defendant Buckwalter's habitual substandard practices and
18 procedures, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and Nevada State Board of Pharmacy
19 suspended the controlled substances privileges and controlled substances registration of Defendant
20 Buckwalter.

21 30. The foregoing acts of Defendant Buckwalter constitute violations of Nevada's
22 Deceptive Trade Practices Act, as codified in NRS Chapter 598, in that Defendant:

23 A. Knowingly made a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients,
24 uses, benefits, alterations or quantities of goods or services for sale or lease
[NRS 598.0915(5)];

- B. Represented that goods or services for sale or lease were of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that such goods were of a particular style or model, where they knew or should have known that they were of another standard, quality, grade, style or model [NRS 598.0915(7)];
- C. Knowingly made other false representations in a transaction affecting Plaintiff Staci Voyda [NRS 598.0915(15)];
- D. Failed to disclose a material fact in connection with the sale or lease of goods or services [NRS 598.0923(2)].

31. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's violation of Nevada's Deceptive Trade Practices Act as herein alleged, Plaintiffs suffered injury and death resulting in damages to her heirs and estate in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00 each.

32. Defendant's acts as described herein constitute oppression, fraud or malice (express or implied) as those terms are defined in NRS 42.005, warranting the imposition of punitive damages upon them as permitted under NRS 598.0977, for the sake of example and by way of punishing the Defendant.

33. Each Plaintiff herein has had to retain counsel and incur costs by reason of Defendants' tortious conduct alleged herein.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief from this Court in the form of a Judgment in their favor and against Defendants, and each of them, for damages as follows:

1. For general and special damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00;
2. For costs of suit and reasonable attorney's fees; and
3. For punitive damages in an amount to be determined;

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1 4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and equitable under the
2 circumstances.

3 DATED this 24th day of April, 2009.

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EXHIBIT 1

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DECLARATION OF ANDREA M. TRESBOT PER NRS 53.045

My name is Andrea M. Trescot, M.D. I am a licensed physician. I am currently a professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, Washington. My area of medical specialty is pain management. In light of my background, training and experience, I am qualified to render the opinions set forth in this declaration.

I have been asked to review the case of Staci Voyda and comment on the care provided to Ms. Voyda by Dr. Kevin Buckwalter. I have been asked to provide my opinions regarding the applicable standard of care, any violations of the standard of care, and any injuries and damages proximately resulting therefrom.

I am over the age of 18 years, and competent to make this Declaration. All matters stated herein are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct, and if called upon to testify as a witness, I could and would do so competently under oath.

A true and correct copy of my C.V. is attached to this report. A summary of my professional qualifications follows. My undergraduate training was completed in 1978 at The University of Florida. I was awarded an M.D. degree by The Medical University of South Carolina in 1983. Thereafter, I completed an internship and residency in anesthesiology at the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. In 1986 I completed a fellowship in pediatric anesthesiology at Children's Hospital National Medical Center.

From 1983 through 1991 I was an active duty Lt. Commander in the United States Navy. I have the following certifications: Diplomate American Board of Anesthesiology; Special Qualification in Critical Care; Special Qualification in Pain Management; Diplomate American Academy of Pain Management; Diplomate American Board of Pain Medicine; Fellow Interventional Pain Practice (World Institute of Pain); Diplomate, American Board of Interventional Pain Physicians, Competency certification in controlled substance management, Competency certification in coding, compliance, and practice management.

My professional affiliation history is listed below.

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1/87 - 1/91 Staff anesthesiologist, Director pain clinic, Director ICU
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I have published or co-published over three dozen articles on medical subjects ranging in topic from management of chronic pain to diagnostic spinal endoscopy. The primary focus of my medical practice has been as a researcher, clinician, and instructor in pain management. I am licensed in the states of Florida and Washington to practice medicine. I have an active medical practice and have been practicing continuously since 1983. My license to practice medicine has never been suspended or modified. I

have voluntarily given up my active medical licenses in states in which I no longer practice. I have lectured and instructed medical students, residents, and physicians on a multitude of occasions, both nationally and internationally, regarding pain management and related topics.

As a result of my training, education, and over two decades of experience as a pain management specialist, I have become knowledgeable regarding the standard of care for physicians dealing with patients who present with complaints similar to those of Ms. Voyda. I am aware of the applicable standards for evaluating, assessing, diagnosing, and treating patients like Ms. Voyda who present to a clinic seeking medical advice and treatment for pain. The opinions that I express in this report are based upon reasonable medical probability. The standard of care for a physician in this setting is a national standard and does not deviate from region to region within the United States. The standard of care for physicians dealing with patients in pain, such as Dr. Buckwalter, do not differ between board-certified and non-board-certified physicians, or their area of specialization. Any physician of any specialty who prescribes controlled substances needs to adhere to the same standard of care to minimize the danger to patients and provide competent medical care.

All physicians, regardless of their specialized training or particular field of practice are required to be familiar with the known side effects of the drugs they prescribe. In addition, all physicians, regardless of their specialized training or particular field of practice are required to be able to adequately assess a patient who may be experiencing a side effect of the medication they have prescribed and either treat the side effect or refer the patient to a specialist who is qualified to treat the side effect. The standard of care in prescribing controlled substances is treated universally in medical texts, journals, and authoritative treatises. The standard of care also requires any physician who prescribes controlled substances to be familiar with the manufacturer's instructions and to heed their warnings.

The materials that I have reviewed in connection with this case are the kinds of material customarily relied upon and utilized by physicians in arriving at medical opinions. In conjunction with this case I have reviewed the following medical records and information:

1. Dr. Buckwalter's medical records on Ms. Voyda
2. Pharmacy records
3. Hospital records
4. Coroner's report
5. Death certificate

I have been provided with the following definitions:

"Medical malpractice" defined. "Medical malpractice" means the failure of a physician, hospital or employee of a hospital, in rendering services, to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances. NRS 41A.009

"Proximate Cause": A proximate cause of injury, damage, loss, or harm is a cause which, in natural and continuous sequence, produces the injury, damage, loss, or harm, and without which the injury, damage, loss, or harm, would not have occurred. Nev. J.I. 4.04.

"Legal Cause; Definition:" A legal cause of injury, damage, loss, or harm is a cause which is a substantial factor in bringing about the injury, damage, loss, or harm. Nev. J.I. 4.04A.

A brief summary of pertinent facts as well as a chronology of events is as follows:

Ms. Voyda first presented to Dr. Buckwalter's office on 2/23/07. The patient's chief complaint is illegible [A---f, overyste], but Dr. Buckwalter's records show that her past medical history was "none"; I could not read her medications [Tess---e, B---tam], but she did not appear to be on opioids or benzodiazepams. The physical exam was also illegible, but consisted of single word entries. Dr. Buckwalter's impression was also illegible [chronic ---, Amf], as was his plan [M---, Huper -].

Pharmacy records show that she had been receiving hydrocodone, Darvocet, and Tylenol #3 from a variety of doctors prior to seeing Dr. Buckwalter (28 tablets of Tylenol #3 on 6/3/03 from Ror Ti, 16 tablets of hydrocodone on 5/10/04 from Cox Na, 14 tablets of Darvocet on 7/31/04 from Ngu Kh, 12 tablets of hydrocodone on 5/26/05 from Ste Ma, 14 tablets of Tylenol #3 and 14 tablets of hydrocodone on 10/5/05 from Dil Jo, 14 tablets of hydrocodone on 10/10/05 from Kha Mi, 20 tablets of hydrocodone on 10/14/05 from Mox J, 20 tablet of hydrocodone on 8/23/06 from Kan He, 13 tablets of hydrocodone on 9/2/06 from Dou W, and 13 tablets of hydrocodone on 9/25/06 from Dou W.). On her initial visit (2/23/07), Dr. Buckwalter wrote for 90 methadone tablets and 120 clonazepam tablets, a huge and completely unjustified increase in her baseline medications. He refilled her clonazepam (#120 tablets) on 3/24/07.

He saw the patient again on 3/27/07; Ms. Voyda was asking to change her medications to Xanax (a shorter acting medication like clonazepam). The physical exam consisted of 2 or 3 letter evaluations that were illegible. His one word assessment was illegible, but his plan included stopping the Klonopin, starting instead Xanax 2mg (the highest dose available). He also ordered "blood work" without specific indications. The blood work was normal except for an elevated cholesterol. He wrote for #120 tablets of alprazolam (Xanax) as well as #150 tablets of methadone (1.5 times as many tablets as on her previous visit) on 3/27/07. On 4/25/07, Dr. Buckwalter wrote for #120 tablets of alprazolam, and on 5/25/07 he wrote for #60 tablets of methadone and #120 tablets of alprazolam.

The next page was undated, and empty. The visit on 6/2/07 had as a chief complaint that she was being seen as a follow up from an ER visit because of a "kidney infection". At that time, her back exam showed "mild- [illegible] in flank, RLL"; the neuro exam showed "4 now", which makes no medical sense. The impression was "s/p

ER- pyelonephritis, s/p pelvic lap [illegible]. The plan was illegible other than "OCP". On that date, Dr. Buckwalter wrote for methadone and then wrote for #120 tablets of alprazolam on 6/10/07 and again #120 only 8 days later. He then wrote for #100 tablets of hydrocodone after that on 6/21/07. So in one month, Dr. Buckwalter wrote for #240 2mg tablets of an addictive benzodiazepine, 8 tablets per day. He wrote for another #120 tablets for alprazolam on 8/14/07.

Meanwhile, the patient was hospitalized on 6/9/07 with an accidental overdose, having been brought to the ER not breathing. She was taking methadone and alcohol recreationally, along with Oxycontin that she was getting off the street. She told the admitting physicians that Dr. Buckwalter had given her methadone to help get her off the Oxycontin (though that is not in any of his notes). Despite the overdose and the history of polydrug abuse, Dr. Buckwalter continued to write for highly addictive drugs in inappropriately high doses, and never referred her for addiction evaluation.

She was hospitalized the next week with pyelonephritis.

The next page is dated 8/29/07 (I think), for a "P/U" visit; physical exam is "no change", but the impression and plan are illegible. On 9/7/07, the patient was complaining of "vaginal pain"; Dr. Buckwalter apparently did a GU exam (though it was illegible, as was the impression). The plan was "s/p lap to remove A w/BC"; and he apparently referred her to "Dr. Flescher -gyne Seagrove". There was an illegible addendum and injection. On 9/7/07, Dr. Buckwalter wrote for #120 hydrocodone, and then on 9/14/07 another #120 tablets of alprazolam.

She wasn't seen again until 4/15/08, but Dr. Buckwalter continued to write inappropriately high doses of medications: #120 tablets of alprazolam on 10/17/08 and 11/13/08, #180 tablets of hydrocodone and #120 tablets of alprazolam on 12/10/08, #120 tablets of alprazolam on 1/5/08, #180 tablets of hydrocodone and #120 tablets of alprazolam on 1/17/08, followed by #120 tablets of alprazolam on 3/2/08 with an additional #25 tablets on 3/5/08. Six days later she received #20 tablets of diazepam and hydrocodone as well as #95 alprazolam and #180 hydrocodone tablets from Dr. Rob Ti. That is 100 alprazolam and 90 hydrocodone tablets per month in a patient who had only been taking intermittent medications.

At the 4/15/08 visit, she was seen for medication refills, and was noted to be recovering from mono. The physical exam was limited to one word on each line (illegible); the impression was "mono, URI, [illegible], chronic pelvic cysts", but the plan was illegible. He wrote for #120 tablets of alprazolam and #180 of hydrocodone on 5/13/08, again on 6/12/08, and again on 7/25/08.

Her last visit was 8/4/08, with a complaint of "F/U ER". The only exam was of the abdomen, which was illegible except "+ mass". The impression was "s/p ER, ovarian cyst R, [illegible] pyelonephritis, [illegible]"; the plan included "urine dip, F/U gync, s/p U/S". There was apparently an injection, which was also illegible. Dr. Buckwalter wrote for #120 oxycodone tablets on 8/4/08, and again on 8/9/08; he also wrote for #120

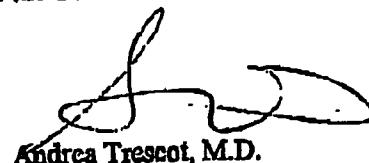
alprazolam on 8/18/08. So in 5 days, Dr. Buckwalter wrote for #240 tablets of alprazolam, a powerful depressant, and #240 tablets of oxycodone, a more powerful opioid than the hydrocodone. She died on 8/26/08 of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head.

Dr. Buckwalter was directly responsible for the patient's continued and escalating addiction to opioids and benzodiazepines; he continued to prescribe these additive and depressive medicines despite multiple warning signs, including hospitalization for overdose. The patient was open and upfront with the hospital personnel regarding her addiction, but Dr. Buckwalter did not change his practice or curb his poor prescribing techniques, despite having received a written and oral confirmation of the overdose. Dr. Buckwalter did not apparently ask the patient about her use of opioids, and he functioned as a legalized drug dealer, apparently giving the patient anything she asked for.

The opinions that I have expressed in this report are based on those materials that I have reviewed to date. If I am provided with additional information, I reserve the right to revisit these opinions and modify them if the additional information requires such. This report contains a fair summary of my opinions, as they currently exist.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 24 day of April, 2009.



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Board certification

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- "Spinal cord stimulators"; "Imaging for chronic pain". Texas Tech 24th Annual Pain Symposium. Lubbock, TX. June 2007.
- "Shaping the political future". American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians 9th Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. June 2007.
- "Epidemiology of chronic pain and an overview of management modalities"; "Opioid pharmacology"; "Anatomy and nerve blocks of the lower extremity"; "Epidural injections and adhesiolysis"; "Fluoroscopy in interventional pain management"; "Pharmacology of psychotherapeutic and adjuvant drugs"; "Pharmacology of NSAIDs"; "Headache physiology"; "Pharmacology and interventional pain management"; "Pain management in pregnancy and nursing". Comprehensive Pain Medicine and Interventional Pain Management Board Review Course. American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Nashville, TN. Aug 2007.
Course director
- "Interventional Techniques for Cancer Pain". Second Annual Chronic Pain Management Fall Symposium for Primary Care. Duke University School of Medicine. Durham, NC. Sept 2007.
- "Drugs for interventional techniques: contrast, local anesthetics, and steroids"; "Thoracic epidural"; "Cervical epidural"; "Sacroiliac joint injections"; "Lumbar facet joint blocks"; "Nucleoplasty". Interventional Techniques Review Course and Interventional Cadaver Workshop. American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN. Oct 2007.
Course director
- "NASPER: Why has the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting not been implemented?". Testimony before the US Congress, Energy and Commerce Committee. Washington, DC. Oct 2007.
- "Spinal cord stimulation"; "Epidemiology of neuropathic pain"; "Practical spinal cord stimulations". Interventional Cadaver Workshop. American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN. Nov 2007.

- "Head and neck interventions"; "Abdominal and extremity interventions". ASSR 2008 Annual Symposium. American Society of Spinal Radiology. Indian Wells, CA. Feb 2008.
- "Fluoroscopy and radiation safety". Comprehensive Lumbar, Thoracic, and Cervical Cadaver Workshop. American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians/World Institute of Pain. Memphis, TN, Mar 2008.
- "Evidence-based primer for interventional pain management". American Conference on Pain Medicine. New York, NY. April 2008.
- "Intrathecal medications". Texas Tech 25th Annual Pain Symposium. Lubbock, TX. June 2008.
- "Shaping the political future". American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians 10th Annual Meeting (program director). Washington, DC. June 2008.
- "Injection complications". World Institute of Pain. London, England. June 2008.
- "Cryoanalgesia". International Spine Injection Society (ISIS) annual meeting. Las Vegas, NV. July 2008.
- "Epidemiology of chronic pain"; "Opioid pharmacology"; "Pharmacology of psychotherapeutic and adjuvant drugs"; "Headaches and facial pain"; "Drug interactions"; "Opioid effectiveness"; "Evidence basis of opioid treatment"; "Controlled substance regulations"; "Urine drug testing". Comprehensive Pain Medicine and Interventional Pain Management Board Review Course: American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. St. Louis, MI. Aug 2008.
Course director
- "Imaging in interventional pain"; "Office based interventional pain practice". World Institute of Pain. Budapest, Hungary. Sept 2008.
- "Nerve entrapments". "RIT workshop", "Imaging in pain medicine". Egypt Society for the Management of Pain. Cairo, Egypt. Nov 2008
- "Interventional Headache Management". World Institute of Pain. New York, NY. March 2009

Cadaver Courses

- Comprehensive Interventional Pain Management Course. US Uniform Health services. Bethesda, MD June 2000
Instructor
- Comprehensive Interventional Cadaver Workshop. American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN, Oct 2002.
Instructor
- Comprehensive Cervical/Thoracic Cadaver Workshop. American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN. Oct 2003.
Instructor

- **Comprehensive Interventional Cadaver Workshop.** American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians /Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice. Memphis, TN. March 2004.
Instructor/board examiner
- **Comprehensive Lumbar Cadaver Workshop.** American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN. June 2004.
Instructor
- **Comprehensive Lumbar, Thoracic, and Cervical Cadaver Workshop.** American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN. March 2005.
Instructor
- **Comprehensive Lumbar, Thoracic, and Cervical Cadaver Workshop.** American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN. May 2005.
Instructor
- **Comprehensive Lumbar, Thoracic, and Cervical Cadaver Workshop.** American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN. Oct 2005.
Instructor
- **Comprehensive Lumbar, Thoracic, and Cervical Cadaver Workshop.** American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians/World Institute of Pain, Memphis, TN. Mar 2006.
Instructor
- **Comprehensive Lumbar, Thoracic, and Cervical Cadaver Workshop.** American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN. Dec 2005.
Instructor
- **American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians/World Institute of Pain.** Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice. Memphis, TN. March 2006.
Board examiner
- **Comprehensive Lumbar, Thoracic and Cervical Cadaver Workshop.** American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN. July 2006.
Instructor
- **Interventional Techniques Review Course and Comprehensive Interventional Cadaver Workshop.** American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN. Oct 2006.
Course director
- **World Institute of Pain.** Budapest, Hungary. Sept 2006.
Instructor
- **Interventional Techniques Review Course and Comprehensive Interventional Cadaver Workshop.** American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN. Dec 2006,
Course director
- **Comprehensive Lumbar, Thoracic, and Cervical Cadaver Workshop.** American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians/World Institute of Pain. Memphis, TN. Mar 2007.
Instructor

- American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians/World Institute of Pain. Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice. Memphis, TN. March 2007.
Instructor/board examiner
- Interventional Cadaver Workshop – Spinal Cord Stimulation. American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. Memphis, TN. Nov 2007.
Instructor
- Comprehensive Lumbar, Thoracic, and Cervical Cadaver Workshop. American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians/World Institute of Pain. Memphis, TN. Mar 2008.
Instructor
- American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians/World Institute of Pain. Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice (board examiner). Memphis, TN. March 2008.
Instructor/board examiner
- World Institute of Pain. London, England. June 2008.
Instructor
- World Institute of Pain. Budapest, Hungary. Sept 2008.
Instructor
- Comprehensive Lumbar, Thoracic, and Cervical Cadaver Workshop. American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians/World Institute of Pain. Memphis, TN. Mar 2009.
Instructor
- World Institute of Pain. New York, NY. March 2009.
Instructor
- World Institute of Pain. Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice (board examiner). New York, NY. March 2009.
Instructor/board examiner

Regional Invitational Lectures

- "Epiduroscopy and other new pain techniques". Jacksonville Area Society of Post-Anesthetic Nurses. Jacksonville, FL March 1997.
- "Willow bark – anti-inflammatories for the 21st century". Baptist Medical Center. Jacksonville, FL. March 1999.
- "Pain management". Bays Medical Society. Panama City, FL. April 2000.
- "Pain and quality of life issues". Northwest Florida Chapter, The Oncology Nursing Society. Pensacola, FL. March 2000.
- "Pseudosciatica". Baptist/St. Vincent Family Practice. Jacksonville, FL. March 2000.

- "Scopes – where are we now?". PainMatters 2000. World Golf Village, FL. June 2000.
- "Pain management: traditional & nontraditional modalities. Florida Academy of Family Physicians. Savannah, GA. Feb 2001
- "Pharmaceuticals – what's the latest?". PainMatters 2001. World Golf Village, FL. July 2001
- "Management of peripheral nerve entrapments". Florida Academy of Pain Medicine. Tampa, FL. June 2001.
- "Chronic pain control – pearls & pitfalls". Florida Academy of Family Physicians. St. Petersburg, FL. Nov 2001.
- "Compliance planning and implementation"; "Fire and Ice – A Comparison of Radiofrequency and Cryoneurolysis". Florida Academy of Pain Medicine. Orlando, FL. May 2002.
- "Interventional pain techniques." Florida Society of Anesthesiologists. World Golf Village, FL. June 2002.
- "Creating a pain management service". "Advances in Pain Management". Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists. Jacksonville, FL. Oct 1993.
- "Interventional pain management – power over pain". Georgia Academy of Family Physicians. Atlanta, GA. Nov 2002.
- "Pain management treatment options therapy". Florida Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists. Jacksonville, FL. Dec 2000.
- "Pseudosciatica". Florida Academy of Pain Management. Clearwater Beach, FL. May 2003.
- "Appropriate opioid prescribing". Grand Rounds, St. Vincent's Hospital. Jacksonville, FL. July 2003.
- "Updates in pain management". Bays Medical Society Meeting. Sandestin, FL. Oct 2003.
- "Interventional pain management". Florida Society of PACU Nurses. Orlando, FL. Nov 2003.
- "Interventional headache management". Florida Academy of Pain Medicine. Miami, FL. June 2004.
- "Cryoablation workshop". Florida Academy of Pain Medicine. Orlando, FL. July 2005.
- "Pseudosciatica/ fire and ice". Florida Workers Compensation Symposium. Orlando, FL. Aug 2006.
- "Universal precautions in opioid prescribing". FPI 2007 Annual Pain Summit. Florida Pain Initiative. Orlando, FL. Oct 2007.