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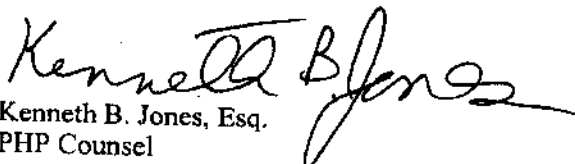
Dear Mr. Hussey:

We have learned that you are distributing materials to Pittsburgh area physicians and others in the mail and on your Web site concerning the Physicians' Health Programs (PHP) and those associated with it. Much of that information you know or should know is false. For example:

1. You say that the Physicians' Health Programs notified Allegheny General Hospital, and other institutions, that Dr. Berwick was in the program. That is false. The PHP made no such notification to any hospital. Dr. Berwick was never enrolled in the PHP, and no letters or other forms of notification were sent to hospitals making them aware that she had contacted the PHP.
2. You say that a letter written by a representative of the PHP contains misinformation, in stating that Dr. Berwick referred herself to the PHP. In fact, the initial contact with the PHP was made by Dr. Berwick herself. She called and described her symptoms and stated that an attending physician had recommended that she call the PHP.
3. You refer to the above-referenced statement as to the initial referral to the PHP as containing lies and incompetent acts, when the statement is an accurate description of actual events.
4. You allege that the actions of the PHP have been harmful to Dr. Berwick. Because of the concern noted during her telephone contact with PHP about her cognitive status, we requested that she obtain adequate psychiatric and neurological examinations. When Dr. Berwick furnished satisfactory reports on these examinations to the PHP, her case was closed with an offer of assistance in the future if such would be needed. PHP did not try to enroll Dr. Berwick.
5. You refer to the Physicians' Health Programs (PHP) as a state agency. The PHP is not a state agency. It is a private peer assistance program supported by the Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

You use these and other intentional misstatements of fact to support ludicrous accusations of incompetence or unethical conduct. We request accordingly that you retract these statements stating clearly that they are untrue, that you apologize for making the misstatements and drawing the inaccurate conclusions, that afterwards you remove all reference to the Physicians' Health Programs from the website, that you refrain from further derogatory comments about the PHP and those associated with it in any forum, and that you cease the harassing phone calls, threats of lawsuits, and demands for additional information that have characterized your conduct toward the PHP to date.

Sincerely,


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