

Area doctor loses license for misconduct

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TUSCALOOSA | The medical license of Tuscaloosa psychiatrist Allie Boyd has been revoked after allegations of sexual misconduct with at least four of his patients.

Boyd engaged in unprofessional conduct that was "immoral, willful, and shameful" and goes against the Medical Licensure Commission rules, the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners ruled Jan. 4. He is no longer allowed to practice medicine in Alabama.

In May 2005, five former patients of Boyd filed suit against him, claiming sexual harassment during his care at North Harbor Pavilion, at the Tuscaloosa Treatment Center and his private residence. Telesa Dent Morrison, Dianna Marie Spencer, Diane Cannon Watkins, Jeremy Franklin and Marcus W. Skelton filed lawsuits against Boyd, alleging that he made inappropriate sexual advances, offered prescription medication for sexual favors and, in some cases, groped them.

The suit also states that Boyd threatened to withdraw prescription medications from the patients if they did not keep the events secret.

Boyd referred any questions to his attorney, Robert Coleman. Coleman did not return calls late Thursday.

Boyd sent a letter to his patients Wednesday, stating that he is retiring. "After over 30 years in the practice of medicine, and due to recent personal health issues, I find it necessary for me to retire," the letter said. "This retirement is effective immediately."

Boyd is not facing any criminal charges or jail time currently, although that could change if one of his previous patients makes a complaint to the district attorney, said Justice Smyth, who represents the patients.

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