

Frankfort doctor Kishor N. Jain facing another sex abuse claim

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A Frankfort pediatrician with a string of complaints against him by women is facing a new lawsuit over alleged fondling.

Kishor N. Jain of Frankfort, a doctor at Hedges Clinic, 222 Colorado Ave. in Frankfort, was acquitted of a criminal charge more than 10 years ago after a woman accused him of fondling her during an appointment for her baby.

On Monday, Jessica Schubbe filed a lawsuit in Will County court alleging Jain grabbed her breasts with both of his hands during an August 2011 office visit for her child.

Jain had made prior “inappropriate and sexual” comments to Schubbe, which bothered her but she ignored them, the lawsuit claims.

Schubbe’s case is scheduled to be heard in court May 20.

Criminal charges have not been filed in the incident, but Frankfort police have investigated it and forwarded the case to the Will County state’s attorney’s office.

Charles B. Pelkie, spokesman for the state’s attorney’s office, said the case has been referred to a special prosecutor with the state’s attorney’s appellate prosecutor’s office because a Will County prosecutor’s family is treated by doctors at Jain’s clinic.

Jain and a lawyer for Hedges Clinic did not return phone calls Tuesday.

In 2002, Jain claimed “justice prevailed” after he was acquitted of misdemeanor battery by a Will County judge.

The charge stemmed from claims by one of Jain’s former pediatric patients, Brenda Doyle, who told Frankfort police Jain touched her breasts and tried to put his hand down her pants while asking her about sex positions in December 2001 when she brought her infant in for a check-up.

During Jain’s trial in 2002, former Associate Judge Cathy Block said Jain asked customary medical questions of longtime patient Doyle, who was nursing a child and who had complained of a loss of feeling in her breasts. After questioning the woman, Jain began a medical examination in an effort to diagnose her condition, the judge concluded.

Despite the acquittal, the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation reprimanded Jain for the incident in 2006. As part of the discipline, Jain was required to complete 20 hours of continuing education in record keeping, case management and boundary issues.

In 2002, Robin Mendoza and Kerry Tadej filed a civil lawsuit claiming Jain fondled them on two separate office visits in 2001. Tadej was Jain’s patient, while Mendoza’s child was Jain’s patient.

Their lawsuit claimed Jain fondled their breasts and vaginas while misleading them to believe he was giving them a medical exam.

Mendoza testified about the encounter during Jain's 2002 battery trial, claiming Jain touched her inappropriately when she and her 5-year-old son came to the Frankfort clinic complaining of illness.

She testified that she told the doctor she had a fever and difficulty breathing and that she ached all over her body, and alleged that he fondled her during the exam while she was alone in the room with him.

The lawsuit brought by Mendoza and Tadej was settled out of court in 2007.

Schubbe said in her complaint that she has suffered severe depression and post traumatic stress disorder because of the incident.

She mentions the prior complaints about Jain from other women in her lawsuit, and said Hedges Clinic should have known Jain continued to act inappropriately toward women and that "he liked to touch these women in a sexual manner."