

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

Dr. William K. Campbell
31 Brookside Ct
Easton, WA 98925

RE: Unintended Consequences of your Blatant and Deliberate Professional Misconduct

Dear Professor Campbell:

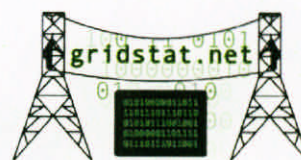
WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU THINKING?

Your blatant professional misconduct has had a large negative impact on my pharmacist wife Beth, and through that her family. In her hearing on March 4 to defend her license, I served as her *de facto* counsel with the blessing of the Idaho Board of Pharmacy (IBOP), which is why I am writing you.

Here are the basic facts. On 08 February 2010 you came to the Wal Mart pharmacy in Moscow, Idaho with a new prescription for Cipro (you had never been to that pharmacy before or since). You claim that you had a question about Cipro that you wanted to ask but did not get a chance to. While there, you were loudly complaining about insurance issues for a long time, and for that matter impatient with the technicians and pharmacists (shame on you). Then afterwards you filed a complaint with the IBOP alleging that you were not offered counseling for your prescription as Idaho law requires.

Some of your claims are bogus, and the grounds for a slam dunk professional misconduct case. It is very clear to me and my wife that you set up the entire episode because you wanted to find an excuse to file a complaint, most likely because you had an axe to grind against Wal Mart (I note that none of the staff involved knew you so you were probably not out to get them). You asked a question about Cipro, a drug that has been around quite a long time; you have probably lectured on it a number of times, but if not you certainly already knew the answer to the question you claimed you wanted an answer to. And, rather than going to your normal pharmacy (at your age I presume you have one), you chose a new pharmacy in a new state where you hoped you were not known, as then Interim Dean of Pharmacy, like you would presumably be known in Pullman. And, then, although you allegedly claim you really wanted to get your question answered in counseling, you did not see fit to simply ask the question. Curiouser and curiouser.... And during the hearing IBOP basically agreed that this whole incident was pre-planned by you to create an excuse to file a complaint.

Well, guess what, actions have consequences. Your blatant professional misconduct happened to hit us in an almost unbelievably difficult year (see enclosure). Not only was having to defend her license troubling to Beth and I in such trouble times, but I had to spend more than a 50 hour week preparing a detailed package for the BOP to ensure that she did not lose her license or suffer sanction. And in doing so, I had to drop a lot of things crucial to my family and to my career (including being virtually absent from a major research proposal involving Berkeley and Caltech, something as you could probably understand is very important for the smaller university WSU, and doubly so because this is not just my



employer but my beloved undergraduate alma mater; when I left a research lab in 1999 I came here to build it up, not going to Georgia Tech or CMU or other larger places I could have).

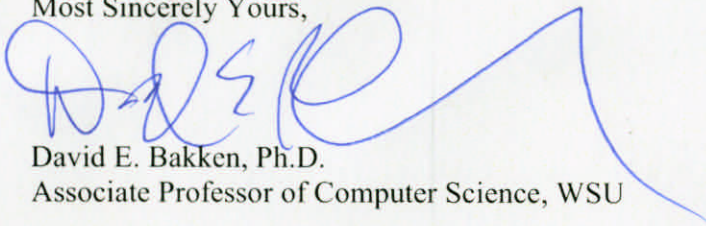
Its time to own up for what you inflicted on us. I have done some dumb things in my life and needed forgiveness. And, in talking with a staffer at WSU, it seems that you are actually revered here at WSU. So not only does that tell me that you are not a complete jerk, but also that, if you are (as seems possible) sorry this happened and make it right, it is very important to me that your reputation not suffer (in preparing Beth's case and this letter, I was very careful to keep this option open). Towards that end, here is what I propose:

1. You compensate us for what you put us through;
2. You do not renew your pharmacist licenses in any states, and do not use them (fill in work or whatnot, should you want to) before they expire;
3. We just quietly drop the matter, not pursuing any legal action or the professional misconduct proceedings that I am strongly inclined to pursue with zeal.

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Its time to man up. Looking forward to hearing positively from you, I am

Most Sincerely Yours,



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Encl:

1. Context on the impact: summary of the Bakken's "perfect storm" bad year
2. Email dialogue in April 2011 with Mark Johnston, R.Ph, Executive Directory of the Idaho BOP
3. Impact narrative: Email from Dave's boss
4. Impact narrative: Email from Dave's colleague
5. Damage quantification: letter from consulting client Real Time Innovations, Inc.
6. Damage quantification: letter from consulting client Harris Corp.
7. Hearing notice from the IBOP for Case 10-225 (Beth's case)
8. Narrative from BOP interview with Wal Mart staff regarding the incident
9. The "package" sent to the Idaho BOP in reply to the hearing notice: the documents Dave prepared in Beth's defense (9 pages)

