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The Honorable Ronald M. George
Chief Justice and Honorable Associate Justices
California Supreme Court
350 McAllister Street
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August 11th 2005

RE: Laurence Tain et al., v. State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
A106656 (San Francisco County Super. Ct. No. CGC-03-419378)
Supreme Court # S136055.

Dear Chief Justice Lucas and Honorable Associate Justices:

The plaintiffs in the above-cited case have asked me to briefly comment on the distinctions between allopathic drugs and homeopathic remedies in both an historical and contemporary perspective.

I earned my MD degree from New York Medical College in 1971 and completed my family practice residency at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona in 1974. I hold a Diplomate degree and Fellow Designation in homeopathic medicine from the British Institute of Homeopathy. Presently, only three states in the United States separately license homeopathic physicians: Arizona, Nevada and Connecticut. I hold such a license from the State of Arizona. I served on the Arizona Board of Homeopathic Examiners for nine years and until June 2005. During the time I was the President of that Board for six of those years I am presently the President of the Arizona Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association

Although I had extensive education and training in my allopathic schooling relative to the design, purpose, mechanisms and uses of allopathic drugs I did not receive any training or exposure to the theory or practice of homeopathy or as to the theories and uses of homeopathic medicines.

Homeopathic medicines have traditionally been referred to as "remedies" or "constitutional medicines" Allopathic drugs and homeopathic remedies are based upon distinctly different theories of disease causation and treatment. Indeed, Samuel B. Hahneman, MD, the father of homeopathy in the 18th Century first coined the term "Allopathy" to distinguish that theory and practice from homeopathy. It has been estimated that only about 5,000 out of the 700,000+ MDs in this country presently utilize homeopathic remedies.

This is obviously not the time or place to go further in developing the different theoretical structure of allopathic and homeopathic practice. Indeed, books have been written about that matter. However, it should be noted that homeopathic remedies are presently being used based both upon the classical homeopathic tradition and within a newer paradigm that has emerged primarily in Europe, especially in Germany.

Personally, I practice primarily within the emerging paradigm. I also teach this approach to the use of homeopathic remedies around the world and have taught this perspective in many states of the United States. A significant number of chiropractors have attended my seminars.

Practitioners following this newer homeopathic paradigm have both widened and refined many aspects of homeopathic theory and practice. Generally speaking, they have developed a theory of using homeopathic remedies to remove interference with, or otherwise enhance the capacity of, the body's inherent ability to regulate and heal itself. Again, this focus of interest is different **from** the allopathic perspective. In Europe, this type of homeopathic practice is part of what is often referred to as "functional medicine".

I trust the foregoing information will be of assistance to the court in its consideration of the referenced case and I urge that the court grant review. It would be a shame to deprive the patients of enlightened Chiropractors **from** being able to use these remedies.

Thank you very much

Sincerely yours,

VALLEY INTEGRATIVE PHYSICIANS PLLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce H. Shelton MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "MD" written in a larger, more distinct font at the end.

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PS

I employ two Chiropractors to see patients within my own private practice

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COUNTY OF MARICOPA) ss.

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I am a citizen of the United States. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 14231 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

On August 11th, 2005 I served the within AMICUS CURIAE LETTER by placing a true and correct copy in a sealed envelope, postage thereon fully prepaid, addressed as follows:

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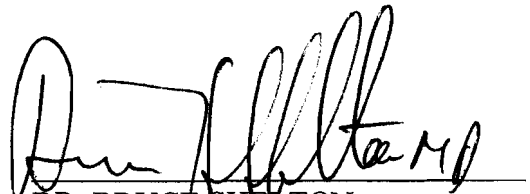
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I deposited the envelope in the U.S. Postal Service the same day at Phoenix, Arizona.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Arizona and of California the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 11th, 2005, at Phoenix, Arizona.


DR. BRUCE SHELTON MD