

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

[Beth Lori Liebowitz, M.D.](#), a 47 year-old obstetrician and gynecologist planning to practice medicine in Knoxville, Iowa, received a permanent Iowa medical license subject to the terms of a Consent Agreement. On May 22, 2001, Dr. Liebowitz performed a laparoscopic vaginal hysterectomy on a patient that allegedly resulted in a lacerated bladder. Under the terms of the Consent Agreement, Dr. Liebowitz agreed that she will not perform laparoscopic hysterectomies under her Iowa medical license.

[Kirk Stephen](#), an individual from Iowa City, Iowa, was issued a Cease and Desist letter. The Board received information which indicates that Mr. Stephen engaged in the unauthorized practice of acupuncture in violation of Iowa law. The Board received information which indicates that Mr. Stephen advertised acupuncture services and offered acupuncture seminars and personal instruction on a website for the East West Center in Iowa City, Iowa. On October 7, 2009, the Board sent Mr. Stephen a Cease and Desist letter directing him to immediately cease and desist from the unauthorized practice of acupuncture in Iowa.