

Federal Complaint Filed in Texas Challenges Federation of State Medical Boards Guidance on Physician Speech

Action filed by four physicians and nonprofit PPRM seeks judicial review of licensing policies affecting medical expression.

DALLAS, TX, UNITED STATES, November 6, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Dallas, TX — November 6, 2025 — A group of [four physicians](#), together with the nonprofit Physicians and Patients Reclaiming Medicine ([PPRM](#)), has filed a federal [complaint](#) in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. The action, Case No. 3:25-cv-02936-K, names the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and several state boards as defendants.

The complaint alleges that coordinated enforcement of FSMB issued guidance limited physicians' ability to express independent clinical judgment and

constituted an overreach of administrative authority affecting professional speech. The filing asserts that these practices began before the COVID-19 pandemic and expanded as medical boards adopted uniform disciplinary standards based on FSMB policy statements.

The plaintiffs include Dr. Mary Kelly Sutton, Dr. Mary Talley Bowden, Dr. Mark Brody, and Dr. John Humiston. The nonprofit plaintiff, Physicians and Patients Reclaiming Medicine (PPRM), is described in the filing as a 501(c)(3) educational and advocacy organization.

According to its official website and organizational materials, PPRM's core mission is to restore



Dr. Mary Kelly Sutton, a physician and plaintiff in federal case 3:25-cv-02936-K, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

integrity to medical practice and establish patient–physician autonomy as a fundamental right.

The complaint seeks declaratory and injunctive relief and requests judicial review of whether policies derived from FSMB guidance impermissibly restrict constitutionally protected professional expression under the First Amendment.



The Federation of State Medical Boards has previously stated that its recommendations are intended to promote patient safety and maintain public trust in medical licensure.

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Case Information

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