

Physician's Staff Privileges: Court OK's Suspension, Bullied Nurses.

The Appellate Court of Illinois ruled that a hospital was within its rights to suspend a surgeon's staff privileges for unprofessional conduct, i.e., for creating a hostile environment by yelling at and bullying the nurses in the surgical department.

He reportedly yelled because an item was not stocked in the O.R. as it should have been, called a nurse incompetent who erred dislodging a specimen clip and yelled at another nurse when an item ordered by the anesthesiologist was still being sterilized and the case could not start. Dookeran v. County of Cook, __ N.E. 2d __, 2009 WL 4827852 (Ill. App., December 14, 2009).