

Dr. Edward Yaw Asirifi

Appellant

v.

The General Medical Council

Respondent

FROM

**THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL**

ORAL JUDGMENT OF THE LORDS OF THE
JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL,
DELIVERED THE 13TH DECEMBER 1994

Present at the hearing:-

LORD KEITH OF KINKEL
LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON
LORD SLYNN OF HADLEY

[Delivered by Lord Keith of Kinkel]

This is an appeal against a determination of the Professional Conduct Committee of the General Medical Council given on 2nd December 1993.

By that determination the Committee found that the appellant had behaved indecently towards six female patients on various dates mostly between September 1990 and January 1991. The Committee also found that the appellant had embarked upon a sexual relationship with a lady at a time when she was still one of his patients.

In relation to the appellant's behaviour the Committee found that he had been guilty of serious professional misconduct. The Committee directed that his name be erased from the medical register and that his registration should be suspended forthwith.

The appellant has addressed their Lordships at considerable length but their Lordships have been unable to perceive any ground upon which they could properly interfere with the Committee's findings of fact or with their conclusion that the appellant had been guilty of serious professional misconduct. Except in exceptional cases the Board do not interfere with the sentence which the Committee has thought fit to pronounce, that being peculiarly a matter which falls within the proper function of the Committee. This is not such a case.

In all the circumstances, therefore, their Lordships will humbly advise Her Majesty that the appeal ought to be dismissed. There will be no order as to costs.