



The 2008 Dr. Earl L. Wiley Outstanding Board Award: Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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Presented by Dr. Oliver "Bud" Smith, Jr., FCLB President

Each year, the accomplishments of one board set a new standard for chiropractic regulation.

They model for others the excellence that marks the daily responsibilities of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public. They say it can be done – and then they do it.

This year's FCLB recognition of the outstanding chiropractic regulatory board has been renamed by the Federation's board of directors.

In honor of his long history of dedication to public protection, the formal title of this award is now the Dr. Earl L. Wiley Outstanding Board Award. I'd like to ask LaVerne Wiley to join me at the podium to help me present the first award.



Oklahoma Executive Director Beth Kelley and President Dr. Ron Tripp accept the award



Dr. Wiley stood on a firm foundation of ethics, while looking forward with a sense of possibility. His desire to protect patients through responsible governance is reflected by many of the Federation's member boards, but especially by this year's winner.



Dr. Smith and LaVerne Wiley

This board stands out in its efforts to improve patient care and practitioner accountability. 2007 saw this board win landmark cases in patient protection, not only removing unethical doctors from practice, but assigning restitution to victims. Further, this board made great strides in accessibility – creating and updating its online resources.

Recognizing the importance of exchanging information with fellow regulators, this year's honoree successfully fought for funding to include all board members in FCLB District Meetings. Finally, this forward-thinking board has reached out to the educational community, approving board travel to colleges to meet with students and providing scholarships to future licensees.

From establishing strong ethical boundaries to investing in the future, from proactive efforts to network with other boards to more comprehensive online offerings, these people have taken the board of tomorrow and brought it into clear focus today. The foundation for their integrity is their commitment to service. Without hesitation, they stand strong for patients' welfare.

For their creativity in finding effective methods of meeting the needs of their regulatory stakeholders...for their commitment to developing character, professionalism, and ethics in their board members and licensees...and for their willingness to volunteer generously their ideas and talent with the Federation family...

Please join me in extending our appreciation and recognition to the FCLB's 2008 Dr. Earl L. Wiley Outstanding Regulatory Board,



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