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Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein Reacts to Sentencing of Chiropractor Ryan Smith

*Klein Says Misdemeanor Charges Not Appropriate for Chiropractor's Sexual
Misconduct*

COLUMBUS, OH—Today, January 29th, 2019, Columbus chiropractor Ryan Smith was sentenced to 60 consecutive weekends in jail and five years of probation after being convicted of inappropriately touching dozens of women who were patients at his Clintonville office. In response, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein, who's office prosecuted this case, released the following statement:

“We’re disappointed in the judge’s sentence of 60 consecutive weekends in jail and five years of probation. We advocated for the maximum penalty of 18 months in jail with no time suspended because Ryan Smith violated not only his patients’ trust, but every obvious ethical standard in this situation.

“Furthermore, I believe this case has highlighted a deficiency in current Ohio law which allowed for this to happen. Conduct as egregious as Smith’s should not be a misdemeanor with an 18-month maximum sentence, but the Ohio Revised Code only allows for a sentence of 180 days in jail for these charges. This maximum sentence clearly does not match the crime for a man who sexually assaulted over 40 women in our community. Chiropractor-patient relationships should be treated as seriously as any other medical, doctor-patient relationship, and we are working to find a solution for this injustice.”

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