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In The Matter Of :
EDWARD J. BROWN, M.D. :
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CONSENT
AGREEMENT

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Information was received by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") indicating that Edward J. Brown, M.D. ("Dr. Brown") had, on several occasions over the last five years, made improper sexual advances to female patients, in the course and scope of his practice of medicine. Such information was initially reported to the Board by the Ouachita Parish Medical Society and later corroborated by Board and Board legal counsel interviews with several Monroe, Louisiana physicians and with three complaining female patients. Based upon such information, the Board concluded that probable cause existed for the institution of formal administrative proceedings to adjudicate

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whether Dr. Brown's alleged conduct was in violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act's proscription of "[u]nprofessional conduct," LSA-R.S. 37:1285(13), and "[i]mmoral conduct in exercising the privileges provided for by license . . . ," LSA-R.S. 37:1285(15).

Through its legal counsel, the Board apprised Dr. Brown of the nature of the information it had received. At the same time, Dr. Brown was advised that, while the Board had determined that formal administrative proceedings were warranted, it would consider, in lieu of formal proceedings, execution of a consent agreement embodying terms and conditions acceptable to the Board.

In addressing itself to the formulation of an appropriate consent agreement, the Board has considered the information described hereinabove; Dr. Brown's discussions with and verbal representations to the Board's legal counsel and one of the Board members; Dr. Brown's correspondence to the Board's legal counsel, dated April 26, 1982; and correspondence to the Board's legal counsel by the Rev. John A. Lawrence, dated May 3, 1982. The Board has determined that the agreement set forth hereinafter is an appropriate and acceptable disposition of this matter.

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Recognizing his right to have specified charges adjudicated pursuant to LSA-R.S. 49:955-58, and to a Final Decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, Dr. Brown nonetheless hereby waives his right to a formal adjudication of the charges and, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 49:955D, consents to the agreement set forth hereinafter.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by LSA-R.S. 37:1285 and LSA-R.S. 49:955D,

IT IS AGREED by and between Edward J. Brown, M.D. and the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners that:

- A. Dr. Brown will voluntarily surrender his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 6894, and he shall not engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana for a period of sixty (60) days, commencing July 1, 1982 and ending August 29, 1982.
- B. Dr. Brown's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana will be placed on probationary status for a period of three (3) years, effective as of the date hereof.
- C. Dr. Brown shall, during the period of licensure suspension provided hereinabove, submit to psychiatric evalua-

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tion and therapy or treatment by a physician approved by the Board and shall continue with such treatment or therapy as is indicated or advised by such physician during the term of probation provided for hereinabove.

Such physician shall be authorized by Dr. Brown to provide the Board with regular written reports relative to Dr. Brown's evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment. Until and unless modified by the Board, Dr. Brown shall consult with or visit such physician no less frequently than monthly.


- D. Dr. Brown shall appear before the Board on May 27, 1982.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that any violation of the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth herein may be deemed just cause for the suspension or revocation of the medical licensure of Edward J. Brown, M.D., or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in LSA-R.S. 37:1285.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Edward J. Brown, M.D. and the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, by its duly authorized officer, have hereunto subscribed their names, this 27th day of May, 1982, at New Orleans,


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Edward J. Brown, M.D.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
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By: 

CHARLES B. ODOM, M.D.
President

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