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| | : | No. 94-I-038-X |
| In The Matter Of | : | |
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| GEORGE H. COLLIER, JR., M.D. | : | |
| (Certificate No. 06266R), | : | |
| | : | CONSENT |
| | : | ORDER |
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On August 16, 1993, George H. Collier, Jr., M.D. ("Dr. Collier"), a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, but at all pertinent times licensed to and engaged in the practice of medicine in the state of Arkansas, pled guilty to one (1) count of conspiracy to defraud the United States, in connection with a savings and loan scheme. (*United States v. George Collier*, No. LR-CR-93-0130 (U.S.D.Ct., E.D. Ark., 1993), hereinafter referred to as "federal conviction").¹ As a result of the forgoing conviction, on December 14, 1993, Dr. Collier was sentenced to twelve (12) months imprisonment and placed on supervised probation for a period of one (1) year following his release from incarceration, upon specified terms and conditions.² Predicated upon the physician's plea of guilty to the federal criminal charge, and following administrative hearing on March 18, 1994, the Arkansas State Medical Board ("Arkansas Board") suspended Dr. Collier's license to practice medicine in the state of Arkansas for a period of sixty (60) days following which his license was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year.³

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Collier acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and, further, that proof of such information upon an

¹On August 16, 1993, a Bill of Information was filed in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas, charging that Dr. Collier violated Title 18, United States Code §§371, 3013 and 3571, *United States v. Collier, supra*.

²Judgment in Criminal Case, *United States v. George Collier, supra*. (Dec. 14, 1993).

³Order, *In the Matter of George H. Collier, M. D.*, pending before the Ark. St. Med. Bd. (Mar. 18, 1994).

administrative evidentiary hearing would establish grounds under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act for the suspension, revocation or such other action as the Board might deem appropriate against his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, as a result of his "[C]onviction of a crime or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge constituting a felony under the laws of Louisiana or of the United States," and ". . . [T]he . . . revocation, suspension, or other restriction imposed on a license . . . issued by such licensing authority which prevents or restricts practice in that state . . ."⁴

Recognizing his right to have notice of the allegations and charges asserted against him, to administrative adjudication of such charges, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:955-958, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings or facts and conclusions of law, Dr. Collier, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Collier also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto and/or legal counsel assisting him in that capacity, to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Collier expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer or his legal counsel shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint, should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided, accordingly, and upon the recommendation of the Investigating Officer assigned to this matter, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, by consent.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of George H. Collier, Jr., M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 06266R, shall be, and the same is hereby, placed ON PROBATION, for a period of three (3) years from the effective date hereof; *provided, however*, that Dr. Collier's continuing exercise of the rights and privileges of his medical license thereunder shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following minimum terms, conditions and restrictions:

⁴La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(1)and(29).

(a) Compliance with Terms and Conditions of Federal Probationary Order. Dr. Collier shall comply with the terms, conditions and restrictions enumerated in the Judgment issued in connection with his federal conviction, all of which are incorporated herein by reference. Dr. Collier shall, and does by his subscription hereto, authorize his Probation Officer in connection with his federal conviction to provide the Board with written and verbal reports relative to his compliance with the terms and conditions of his federal probation. Moreover, Dr. Collier shall, at the conclusion of his federal probation, cause his federal Probation Officer to direct correspondence to the Board advising of his successful completion of the terms, conditions and restrictions ordered thereunder.

(b) Compliance with Arkansas Order. Dr. Collier shall satisfy and comply with each of the terms and conditions imposed upon his Arkansas medical license by the Order issued by the Arkansas Board. Dr. Collier shall, moreover, and does by his subscription hereto, authorize the Arkansas Board to provide the Board with written and verbal reports relative to his compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation. Moreover, Dr. Collier shall, at the conclusion of the probationary term imposed upon his license by the Arkansas Board, cause such Board to direct correspondence to the Board advising of his successful completion of the terms, conditions and restrictions ordered thereunder.

(c) Notice of Relocation to Louisiana. In the event that Dr. Collier decides to return to Louisiana for the purpose of practicing medicine in this state, he shall provide the Board with at least sixty (60) days advance written notice of such intention, and shall contact the Board office for the purpose of scheduling an informal appearance before the Board to discuss his then-current plans and intentions for the practice of medicine in Louisiana.

(d) Continuing Medical Education. Dr. Collier shall obtain not less than fifty (50) credit hours per year for each of the three years of the probationary period identified herein, through attendance at and participation in continuing medical education ("CME") accredited by and qualifying for the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association, and he shall obtain such an award within three (3) years from the date hereof. On or before July 1st of each year during the term of probation ordered hereinabove, Dr. Collier shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of the CME programs and credits completed by him during the preceding twelve (12) months.

(e) Verification by Probation/Compliance Officer. Dr. Collier shall immediately notify the Board's Probation Officer of any change in his personal and professional addresses and telephone numbers, and he shall direct all CME credits and all other matters relating to this Order to the attention of the Probation Officer.

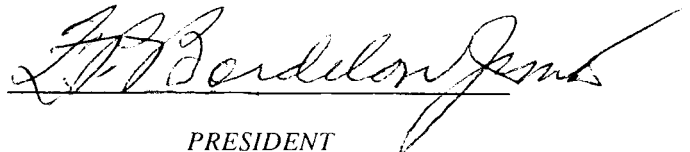
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Collier, shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Collier's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 25 day of August, 1994.

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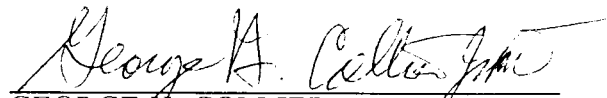
BY:



PRESIDENT

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, GEORGE H. COLLIER, JR., M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 28 day of July, 1994.


GEORGE H. COLLIER, JR., M.D.

WITNESS:

