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<p style="text-align: center;">In The Matter Of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WAYNE JEROME CELESTINE, M.D. <i>(Certificate No. MD.09123R),</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Respondent.</p>	<p>X</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>X</p>	<p>No. 17-I-527</p> <p><b>STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF MEDICAL LICENSE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p>
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This *Stipulation and Agreement* is made by Wayne Jerome Celestine, M.D. ("Dr. Celestine"), a physician licensed as of the date hereof to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana with and in favor of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board")

1. **Acknowledgment and Stipulations.** Dr. Celestine hereby acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that:
  - (a) An investigation was initiated when the Board received information indicating that Dr. Celestine was indicted in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana<sup>1</sup>, with violations of the following federal laws: 21 U.S.C. §846, 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), 18 U.S.C. §1956(a)(1)(B)(ii) and 18 U.S.C. §1956(h), consisting of violations of the Federal Substance Control Act and money laundering.
  - (b) He plead guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Dispense Controlled Substances in violation of 21 USC §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C) and (E), 841(b)(2) and 846 and to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering in violation of 18 USC §§ 1956(a)(1)(B)(ii) and 1956(h) (c)
  - (c) Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Director of Investigations for the Board, whose review and analysis has confirmed to his satisfaction that just cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed charging Dr. Celestine with

<sup>1</sup> The case is entitled *United States v. Wayne Celestine, M.D.* Crim. No. 18-083, Sect. H, USDC, E.D. LA.

violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat §37:1285A (1) and (2).<sup>2</sup>

(d) Pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La Rev. Stat. §§37:1261, et seq., and the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 et. seq., Dr. Celestine would be entitled, prior to final disciplinary action against his medical license, to have notice of the allegations and charges asserted against him and to adjudication of such charges, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:955-958. At such hearing, Dr. Celestine would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to have those charges proved against him by evidence, to appear and confront adverse witnesses, to call witnesses and present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La Rev. Stat. §§49:955-965 and to any other right to which he may be afforded by the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 et seq. or otherwise.

2. **Voluntary Surrender of License.** Notwithstanding his right to notice of formal charges, administrative hearing and a decision thereon, as provided by La Rev. Stat. §§49:951, et. seq., in recognition of the stipulations set forth hereinabove toward final disposition of investigation now pending in this matter and in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings Dr. Celestine, nonetheless, acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing and hereby waives his right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and voluntarily surrenders to the Board for cancellation his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. MD.09123R. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Celestine also hereby authorizes the Investigation Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the

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<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to La. R.S. §37:1285A(1) and (2), the Board may suspend, revoke, or impose probation or other restrictions on the license of an individual licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as a result of (1) [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 (2) “[c]onviction of a crime or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge arising out of or in connection with the practice of medicine...”

nature and results of the investigation, and he waives any to such disclosures under La Rev. Stat. §49:960.

3. **Effect of Voluntary Surrender of License.** Dr. Celestine acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that the voluntary surrender of his medical license affected hereby in the presence of administrative investigation shall have, and shall be deemed by the Board to have, the same effect as if the Board had entered an order of revocation upon the conclusion of formal administrative proceedings. Dr. Celestine further acknowledges, stipulates, and agrees that as a result of the voluntary surrender of his medical license affected hereby, he shall not have any right or entitlement to reinstatement or renewal of his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, nor shall he hereafter be entitled to apply for or otherwise attempt to obtain any original, reinstated or renewal of his license to practice medicine in this state. However, should Dr. Celestine be found not guilty of the criminal charges against him or any conviction he may receive ultimately be reversed on appeal, this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License, and all of its terms and conditions, shall be rescinded and deemed by the Board to be void.
4. **Termination of Proceedings.** By the voluntary surrender of his medical license, and the attendant dismissal of the investigation occasioned hereby Dr. Celestine, moreover, acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, et. seq. or to which otherwise may be afforded to him by any law, to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the stipulations, agreements, acknowledgements and other matters referred to herein.
5. **Advice of Counsel.** Dr. Celestine acknowledges that he has had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License and that all of the terms, conditions, restrictions and limitations contained herein have been explained to him and/or that he fully understands them.

6. **Public Record.** Dr. Celestine acknowledges, stipulates and agrees this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License shall be, and shall be deemed, by the Board, to be a **PUBLIC RECORD**.

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*Acknowledgment and Consent and Acceptance on the following pages*

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

State of Louisiana  
Parish of St. Tammany

I, Wayne Jerome Celestine, M.D., hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Stipulation and Agreement for Surrender of Medical License and that all of its terms and conditions have been fully explained to me and/or that I fully understand them. I further acknowledge that I approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Stipulation and Agreement for Surrender of Medical License without duress and of my own free will and accord, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

Wayne Jerome Celestine  
Wayne Jerome Celestine M.D.

WITNESSES:

Jeri L. Bowers  
Signature  
Jeri L. Bowers  
Printed Name  
328 Tamarack St.  
CICELY, LA 70056  
Address

Joelle Bailey  
Signature  
Joelle Bailey  
Printed Name  
3620 Charles Dr.  
Chalmette, LA 70043  
Address

Sworn to and subscribed before me at St. Tammany LA, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

William P. Gibbens  
Notary Public (signature)

WILLIAM P. GIBBENS  
Printed Name/Notary or La. Bar No. #

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my commission is for life

**ACCEPTANCE**

CONSIDERING THE ABOVE AND FOREGONG, the Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License is hereby **APPROVED AND ACCEPTED** by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, at New Orleans, Louisiana, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By:



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Christy L. Valentine, M.D.  
*President*