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In The Matter Of

MICHAEL Q. WATSON, M.D.
(Certificate No. 06509R)

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NO. 01-I-017

**CONSENT
ORDER**

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Investigating Officer of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), following notification that on or about August 26, 2000, Dr. Michael Q. Watson ("Dr. Watson") entered into an Agreed Order with the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners which imposed terms and conditions upon his license to practice medicine in the state of Texas.¹ The Texas Board's action was based on the fact that Dr. Watson had been placed on six (6) months probation by Memorial General Hospital in Seminole, Texas for failure to timely complete medical records; and that from February 1994 through April 1997, Dr. Watson was documented as having a history of addressing patients and staff inappropriately at Memorial General Hospital.

Dr. Watson made applications for renewal of his Louisiana license on December 31, 1997, March 1, 1999, and October 3, 2000. Dr. Watson failed to disclose actions against him taken by Memorial General Hospital and failed to disclose action against his license taken by the Texas Board.

Pursuant to the August 26, 2000 Agreed Order, Dr. Watson's Texas license was restricted and Dr. Watson was subject to numerous terms, conditions and restrictions.

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Watson acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and, further, that proof of such information upon an 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 the restrictions imposed on his license to practice in the state of Texas and his repeated

¹Agreed Order, In the Matter of the License of Michael Q. Watson, M.D., Docket No. G-6770 (Texas St. Bd. of Med. Exam., St. of TX, August 26, 2000)

failure to disclose the hospital and Texas Board actions against him when he applied for renewal of his Louisiana license.²

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 of fact and conclusions of law, Dr. Watson, 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. Watson 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. Watson 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 Michael Q. Watson, M.D. shall and hereby does receive an OFFICIAL REPRIMAND, and that his license to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 06509R, shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions.

(a) Conditions for Resumption of Practice of Medicine in Louisiana. Dr. Watson does not currently practice medicine in Louisiana. Prior to his return to the state of Louisiana for the purpose of practicing medicine, Dr. Watson shall provide evidence to the Board that demonstrates his compliance with the original or any modified terms and conditions imposed upon his license as a result of the Agreed Order which he entered into with the Texas Board on or about August 26, 2000. Dr. Watson shall, and does by his subscription hereto, authorize any representative of the Texas Board, to provide the Board with written and verbal reports relative to his compliance with the terms and conditions of the action against his license in Texas. Upon the termination of the suspension imposed by the Texas Board, Dr. Watson shall cause the Texas Board to direct correspondence to the Board advising

²La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(3) and (29)

of his successful completion of the terms and conditions reflected in the Texas Agreed Order.

(b) **Notice of Relocation to Louisiana.** In the event that Dr. Watson should decide to relocate to Louisiana for the purpose of practicing medicine, he shall contact the Board at least sixty (60) days in advance of his return to this state to arrange an appearance before the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting. At such meeting, Dr. Watson shall demonstrate his compliance with the terms and conditions imposed upon him by the Texas Board, and he shall discuss with the Board his intended plans for the practice of medicine in this state.

(c) **Verification of Compliance/Probationary Officer.** Dr. Watson shall immediately notify the Board of any change in his personal and professional addresses and telephone numbers, and he shall direct all matters, requests or inquiries relating to this Order to the attention of the Board's Probation Officer.

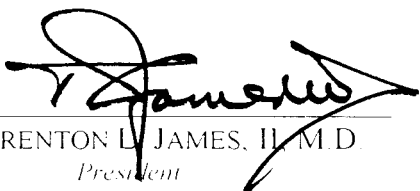
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Watson shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for further disciplinary action against Dr. Watson's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, 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 12th day of December 2001.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

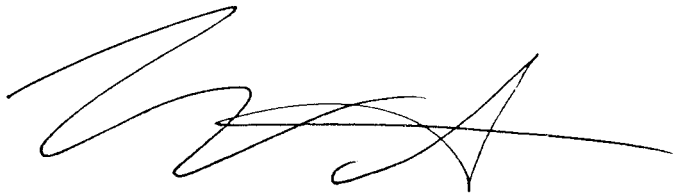
By:


TRENTON L. JAMES, II, M.D.
President

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, MICHAEL Q. WATSON, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 6th day of November, 2001.



MICHAEL Q. WATSON, M.D.


Signature

Michael R. Sharp
Typed Name

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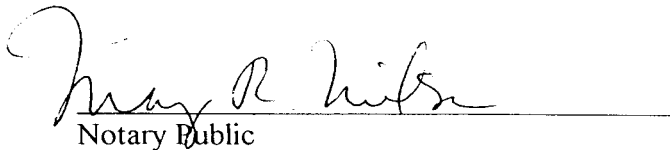
WITNESSES:


Signature

Lisa Acosta
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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Austin, Texas, this 6th day of November, 2001, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public