

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS



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In Re: :  
: Application of :  
ALEXANDER V. FAKADEJ, M.D. :  
For Medical Licensure :  
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CONSENT ORDER  
FOR ISSUANCE OF  
MEDICAL LICENSE

This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on the application of Alexander Victor Fakadej, M.D. for a license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, on the basis of reciprocity. Dr. Fakadej, 56 years of age, is a 1961 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Charlottesville, Virginia. He is a diplomate of the American Boards of Pediatrics and of Psychiatry and Neurology and currently holds medical licensure in West Virginia (1967) and in Florida (1989).<sup>1</sup> If licensed, it is Dr. Fakadej's intention to practice pediatric neurology on the neurologic service of the Louisiana State University Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana.

While it appears from information available to the Board, as supplied by Dr. Fakadej's application and otherwise, that Dr. Fakadej is generally qualified for licensure, the physician has suffered from chronic and episodically acute alcoholism, with at least one relapse following treatment. In February 1986 he was admitted to treatment for alcohol dependence at the Ridgeview Institute, Smyrna, Georgia. After returning to his teaching position in West Virginia some four months later, he suffered a relapse and in March 1987 re-entered the Adult Chemical Dependent Unit of the Ridgeview Institute through the Georgia Health Professional Program. As a result, the physician's clinical privileges at the West Virginia University Hospital were rescinded, and in September 1987 his medical license was placed on probation for three years by the West Virginia Board of Medicine.<sup>2</sup> Since then has participated in impaired physicians programs while practicing in West Virginia and, more recently, in South Florida. Upon his relocation to Florida in 1989 he was treated for alcohol dependence at Anon Anew, Boca Raton, and subsequently through an out-patient program at St. Francis Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale, under the care and supervision of William T. Haeck, M.D. of Addiction Medicine Associates.

<sup>1</sup>Dr. Fakadej was originally licensed in Virginia in 1961. He allowed that license to lapse many years ago.

<sup>2</sup>Consent Order, In Re: Alexander V. Fakadej, M.D. (W. Va. Bd. Med., Sep. 25, 1987). The Consent Order, which followed a July 1987 agreement by the physician to refrain from practice until authorized by the West Virginia Board, reinstated Dr. Fakadej's license on probation for three years, subject to his compliance with various terms and conditions, including stipulations that his practice be supervised with periodic reports to the board, that he submit to periodic unannounced urine and blood drug screens, and that he attend at least 300 meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous during the first year of his probation.

It appears that Dr. Fakadej was fully compliant with the terms and conditions of his West Virginia probation and that he continues to participate voluntarily in the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) program. The Medical Director of the Georgia Impaired Physicians Program has expressed the opinion that, as of his discharge from that program in 1987 his prognosis was felt to be good and he has thereafter adhered to the stipulations of his continuing care contract.<sup>3</sup> The Board is further advised by Dr. Haeck, under whose care Dr. Fakadej has been since July 1989, that he has complied with all provisions of this recovery contract with the Physicians Recovery Network of Florida and that "[h]is prognosis for continued sobriety and progress in recovery is excellent."<sup>4</sup>

Upon the information and circumstances presented, the Board is persuaded that the public interest will be properly protected and served by the issuance to Dr. Fakadej of a license to practice medicine, subject to his acceptance of and compliance with appropriate terms and conditions relating to his continuing treatment and participation in aftercare programs. And by his subscription hereto, Dr. Fakadej hereby consents to entry of the order set forth below and to issuance of licensure pursuant thereto. Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that a license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana shall be issued to Alexander Victor Fakadej, M.D., the issuance of such license and Dr. Fakadej's continuance maintenance of such license being conditioned upon and subject to his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms and conditions:

(a) **Participation In Impaired Physicians Program.** Within 20 days of the entry of this Order, Dr. Fakadej shall contact the Impaired Physicians Committee of the Shreveport Medical Society (the Shreveport "IPC") and shall make arrangements for his participation in the Louisiana State Medical Society Impaired Physicians Program, pursuant to his execution of a treatment contract providing for his aftercare monitoring and treatment under the care of a specified treating physician acceptable to the Board and under the supervision of a monitoring physician designated by the Shreveport IPC, and further providing for Dr. Fakadej's attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings not less than five times per week, including two Caduceus Club meetings weekly. Dr. Fakadej shall be responsible for furnishing the Board with a copy of such treatment contract within five days of its execution. The conditions and requirements stated in this paragraph, relating to Dr. Fakadej's participation in the Impaired Physicians Program, aftercare monitoring and treatment and attendance at AA and Caduceus Club meetings shall remain in effect until this order is modified, terminated or rescinded by order of the Board.

(b) **Maintenance of Complete Abstinence.** Dr. Fakadej shall, for the duration of his life, maintain complete and total abstinence from the use of alcohol and other mood-altering substances except as may be prescribed by a treating physician other than himself for a *bona fide* medical condition.

(c) **Personal Appearances Before Board.** Dr. Fakadej shall personally appear before the Board, or the Board's Impaired Physician's Committee, as the Board may designate, at its regular meeting during February 1992 to permit the Board to consider his understanding of and compliance with the terms of this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Fakadej shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof

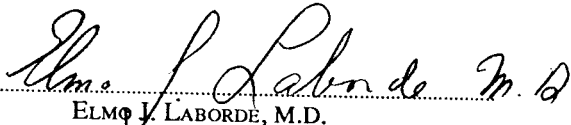
<sup>3</sup>Letter, G. D. Talbott, M.D., Med. Dir., Impaired Phys. Prog., to M. Walker, La. State Bd. Med. Exam. (Jan. 2, 1992).

<sup>4</sup>Letter, W. T. Haeck, M.D., Addiction Med. Associates, to P. Mensen, La. State Bd. Med. Exam. (Dec. 5, 1991).

of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Fakadej's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

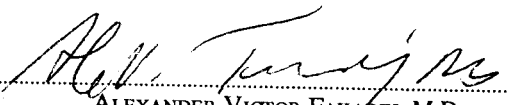
New Orleans, Louisiana, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1992.

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MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:   
ELMO J. LABORDE, M.D.  
President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
AND CONSENT

I, ALEXANDER VICTOR FAKADEJ, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1992.

  
ALEXANDER VICTOR FAKADEJ, M.D.