

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS



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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

:

ROLAND WARD JONES, M.D.
(Certificate No. 013517)

: NO. 89-A-039

RESPONDENT

: DECISION

An administrative hearing was convened before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the Board) on Friday, December 8, 1989, to adjudicate alleged violations of the Louisiana Medical practice Act by Roland Ward Jones, M.D. (the Respondent). Present representing the Board was a quorum of its membership including Drs. Muslow, LaNasa, Bordelon, Hackett and Kaplan. Also present were the Respondent who chose not to be represented by counsel, Mr. James J. Thornton, independent counsel for the Board, and Mr. Gregory C. Weiss, attorney for the Board. Dr. Elmo J. LaBorde took no part in either the hearing or the decision of the Board.

After consideration of the evidence which consisted of documentary evidence and sworn testimony of the Respondent, the Board renders the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent was at all times pertinent to the allegations and charges brought by the Board a physician licensed by the Board to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as evidenced by Certificate No. 013517. At all times material herein he was engaged in the active practice of medicine in Orange, Texas.

2. On March 25, 1984, Respondent voluntarily entered the Medical Association of Georgia's Impaired Physicians program for treatment of chemical dependency. Respondent successfully completed the program and was discharged on August 18, 1984.

Prior to his discharge Respondent entered into an aftercare contract for a term of twenty months.

3. On June 8, 1989, the Executive Committee of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners temporarily suspended Respondent's license on the grounds that (1) Respondent previously received medical care at least once for substance abuse; (2) Respondent failed to complete successfully or to participate in his aftercare program and contract with the Georgia Impaired Physicians Facility; (3) Respondent is consuming alcohol; and (4) Respondent is practicing medicine while under the influence of alcohol.

4. As of this time Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Texas remains temporarily suspended.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the evidence, the testimony and the foregoing findings of fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that:

1. Because of the temporary suspension by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners of Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Texas, Respondent is in violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, and more specifically of Title 37, Section 1285A(29) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

2. In this instance the Board invokes its long standing policy that it will not look behind the decisions and determinations of Boards of Medical Examiners of other states on the solid premise that it cannot and should not gauge or evaluate the evidence and testimony which undergirds those decisions and determinations.

DECISION

Considering the foregoing:

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Roland Ward Jones, M.D. to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as evidenced by Certificate No. 013517 is suspended.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the license of Roland Ward Jones to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as evidenced by Certificate No. 013517 shall remain suspended until his license to practice medicine in the State of Texas has been restored and reinstated at which time Respondent may petition the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in Louisiana.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this
19 day of December, 1989

Louisiana State Board of
Medical Examiners

By She M. M. M.D.