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IN THE MATTER OF)
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TANIA ANNE LEVI, M.D.)
(Certificate No. 018251))
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No. 09-I-896

**CONSENT ORDER FOR
OFFICIAL REPRIMAND**

Predicated upon apparently reliable information, an investigation was conducted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") through its Investigative Officer of the prescription and record keeping practices of Tania Anne Levi, M.D. ("Dr. Levi"), a physician who at all pertinent times was and is licensed and engaged in the practice of Internal Medicine in and around Covington, Louisiana. The results of the investigation indicate to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer that Dr. Levi issued controlled substances without proper documentation of legitimate medical justification, providing a reasonable basis to initiate formal administrative proceedings against Dr. Levi's license charging her with violation of the Board's Pain Rules, La. Adm. Code 46XLV.6915-6923, as well as certain provisions of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1261-1292 (the "Act").¹ During the investigation, it was also revealed that as a Supervising Physician, Dr. Levi delegated the prescribing of legend and controlled substances to a Physician Assistant ("P.A.") who was not approved for prescriptive authority with Dr. Levi; however, it is believed that this behavior was an oversight and not an intentional violation since Dr. Levi included provisions for this practice in the Clinical Practice Guidelines for this P.A.

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Dr. Levi acknowledges the foregoing information and that proof of such information upon an administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act for the imposition of such terms, conditions or restrictions on her license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may deem appropriate. Moreover, Dr. Levi advises that she has taken remedial and proactive measures to address the concerns made the basis of the investigation. Said measures include, among others, the implementation of new office procedures with computerized medical records, and Dr. Levi has agreed to permanently discontinue the practice and long-term management of chronic pain and obesity.

¹ La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1285.A. (6) Prescribing, dispensing, or administering legally controlled substances or any dependency-inducing medication without legitimate medical justification therefor or in other than a legal or legitimate manner;
(14) Continuing or recurring medical practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing and usually accepted standards of medical practice in this state; and
(30) Violation of any rules and regulations of the board, or any provisions of this Part;

Recognizing her right to have notice of allegations and charges asserted against her, to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time she would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.*, Dr. Levi, nonetheless, hereby waives her 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. Furthermore, Dr. Levi acknowledges that she hereby waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to her by any law to contest her agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Levi also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto 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 she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Levi expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against her 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 ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1261, *et seq.*, 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 Tania Anne Levi, M.D., who at all times pertinent has been and is licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by license number 018251, is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six (6) months of the effective date of his order, Dr. Levi shall provide written confirmation that she has attended and successfully completed one or more courses of study in the areas of the appropriate prescribing of controlled substances, the creation and maintenance of adequate medical records and physician-patient boundary issues. All courses required by this provision shall be comprehensive in nature (greater than 20 credit hours) and shall be acceptable to and pre-approved in writing by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Levi shall pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Dr. Levi shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action as the Board may deem 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 17 day of May, 2010.

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By: Mark H. Dawson
MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.
President

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AND CONSENT**

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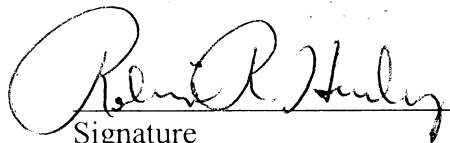
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I, TANIA ANNE LEVI, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of
the above and foregoing Order, this 1st day of April, 2010.



TANIA ANNE LEVI, M.D.

WITNESSES:



Signature

Robin R. Hurley

Printed Name

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Signature

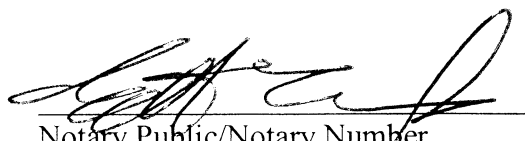
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Sworn to and subscribed before me, Notary, this 1st day of APRIL, 2010,
in the presence of the two stated witnesses.



Notary Public/Notary Number 25764

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Printed Name

**Guy H. Leland
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