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In Re:
Application of
ANNA SUK-FONG LOK, M.D.
For Medical Licensure

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CONSENT ORDER
FOR ISSUANCE OF
RESTRICTED LICENSE
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This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on the application of Anna Suk-Fong Lok, M.D. (the "Applicant" or "Dr. Lok") for a license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana. From information available to the Board, as supplied by Dr. Lok's application and otherwise, it appears that the Applicant, a graduate of a foreign medical school, lacks certain qualifications requisite to eligibility for unrestricted licensure, including successful passage of the FLEX examination and three years of qualifying United States postgraduate residency training. Dr. Lok, moreover, does not appear to be technically eligible for the waiver of such requirements recognized by § 315 of our rules governing licensure, which may be available when an applicant has received formal appointment to a "permanent . . . tenured position as a full professor or associate professor" by a Louisiana medical school or college approved by the Board."[†]

The Board is advised, however, that Dr. Lok has received a commitment from the Tulane University Medical Center School of Medicine for appointment to a full-time associate professorship, on a "tenure track," within its Department of Medicine. The Board also observes, based on the recommendation of the Tulane University Medical Center and its examination of the physician's certified *curriculum vitae*, that the physician has had extensive training, a distinguished career, in various academic and research capacities, and enjoys an international reputation in hepatology. In consideration of her educational credentials, academic experience, and her appointment by the Tulane University School of Medicine, and on the recommendation of its Licensure Committee, the Board is persuaded that, while Dr. Lok is currently ineligible for unrestricted licensure, the public interest will be properly protected and served by the issuance to Dr. Lok of a restricted license to practice medicine, subject to appropriate, specified terms and conditions, as hereinafter stipulated. And by her subscription hereto, Dr. Lok hereby consents to entry of the order set forth below and to issuance of restricted licensure pursuant thereto. Accordingly,

[†]See LA. ADMIN. C. §§XLV.315, 327(A).

IT IS ORDERED that a restricted license to practice medicine shall be issued to Anna Suk-Fong Lok, M.D., conditioned upon and subject to her acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(a) *Restriction of Practice.* Dr. Lok shall not engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana other than at, and in the course and scope of her employment as an Associate Professor by and with, the Department of Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana.

(b) *Maintenance of Appointment.* As an express condition to her maintenance of the restricted medical license issued pursuant to this Order, Dr. Lok shall at all times maintain her appointment as Associate Professor (or Professor) at and with the Tulane University School of Medicine.

(c) *Termination of Licensure.* The restricted medical license issued to Dr. Lok pursuant hereto shall be renewable annually by Dr. Lok, but shall expire and terminate automatically, without the necessity of action by the Board:

(1) on any date that Dr. Lok's employment with or appointment as Associate Professor or Professor is terminated by the Tulane University School of Medicine; or

(2) as of December 31, 1995, if Dr. Lok has not, on or before such date, been formally accorded permanent tenure, as a Professor or Associate Professor, by the Tulane University School of Medicine.


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. Lok shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Lok's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that at such time as Dr. Lok may receive formal appointment to a permanent tenured position as full Professor or Associate Professor by and with the Tulane University School of Medicine, or another school of medicine within the state of Louisiana approved by the Board, the Board shall consider her application for full, unrestricted medical licensure.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 21st day of February, 1991.

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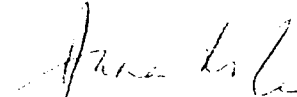
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ELMO J. LABORDE, M.D.
President

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, ANNA SUK-FONG LOK, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 16 day of February, 1991.

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ANNA SUK-FONG LOK, M.D.