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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

PAUL J. NORDNESS, M.D.
(Applicant for Medical Licensure)
04-A-001

OPINION AND RULING

This matter comes before the Board pursuant to an Administrative Complaint to Deny Application for Medical Licensure. The circumstances leading up to the Complaint arose out of Respondent's failure to obtain a license in Louisiana before entering into the clinical phase of a fellowship he was pursuing at Ochsner Foundation, and his failure to advise Ochsner of that fact. He is charged in the complaint with practicing medicine without a license during the period between the commencement of the clinical phase of his training, and the discovery, in August, 2003, by Ochsner of the fact that he was not licensed.

Dr. Nordness does not deny the above circumstances, and admits that he knew he should have been licensed before beginning the clinical phase of his fellowship. He is now fully qualified, and has applied for licensure. His supervisors, and associates at Ochsner testified as to his ability. As a result of his deception, he has lost his fellowship at Ochsner, and has been unemployed since August, 2003. His feeling of remorse and contrition are evident.

Under the circumstances, we feel that Dr. Nordness has paid a sufficient price for his conduct. **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that he be issued a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in Louisiana. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that he be sent a letter of concern.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, this 20th day of February, 2004.

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BY: KIM E. LEBLANC, M.D., PRESIDENT

NORDNESS, February, 2004