

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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## BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NUMBER: 03-A-021

IN THE MATTER OF:

FELIPE A. AMAYA, M.D.  
(CERTIFICATE NO. 021838)

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### OPINION AND RULING

This matter comes before the Board pursuant to an Administrative Complaint, charging that Respondent, Felipe A. Amaya, M. D., had been disciplined by the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of South Carolina, and is therefore guilty of unprofessional conduct. The case was heard by a panel consisting of Drs. James, Amusa, Ferdinand, Bourgeois, Laborde, and LeBlanc, President.

Dr. Amaya, although properly notified by certified mail and personal service, was neither present nor represented by counsel.

The South Carolina Board found that Dr. Amaya had written an extremely disrespectful and insulting letter to a colleague in Louisiana, and had then lied to its investigator, saying that the letter had been altered, and that he had not signed it. He produced from his files an unsigned version of the letter, which he said was what he had written. The South Carolina Board had the original letter analyzed by experts, who found that the signature was that of Dr. Amaya, and that the document showed no signs of having been altered.

The South Carolina Board further found that Respondent had written a letter, disrespectful and unprofessional in tone, to its Administrator/Compliance.

AMAYA, March 2004

As a result of these findings, Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of South Carolina was publicly reprimanded, and placed on indefinite probation, and he was ordered to take courses in anger management, professionalism, and ethics, and to pay a fine of \$5,000.00 and all costs. The final order of the South Carolina Board is in evidence before us.

In the Administrative Complaint before us, Dr. Amaya is charged with unprofessional conduct, in violation of R. S. 37:1285 A (13). His behavior, as found by the South Carolina Board, is clearly unprofessional, and we therefore find him guilty as charged.

Accordingly, the license of Felipe A. Amaya, M. D., to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 021838, is hereby **SUSPENDED** indefinitely, and he shall not practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, until such time as he holds a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of South Carolina. Respondent shall pay all costs of this proceeding.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of <sup>April</sup>~~March~~, 2004.

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BY: KIM EDWARD LEBLANC, M. D., Ph.D.,  
PRESIDENT