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<b>In The Matter Of</b>	:	
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<b>GRACIANO P. SISON, JR., M.D.</b>	:	
(Certificate No. 03971R),	:	
	:	<b>CONSENT</b>
<i>Respondent.</i>	:	<b>ORDER</b>
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The above-entitled and numbered proceeding has been noticed and docketed for hearing before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) on the Administrative Complaint of Ike Muslow, M.D., Investigating Officer, alleging that Graciano P. Sison, M.D. currently suffers, and has for an extended period suffered, from various psychiatric disorders which compromise his capacity to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Dr. Sison, accordingly, is charged with "[i]nability to practice medicine . . . with reasonable skill or safety to patients because of mental illness or deficiency . . .," providing lawful cause under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act for the suspension or revocation of the physician's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana. La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285(25).

On the basis of information provided to the Board with Dr. Sison's knowledge and consent, the Board is persuaded that, subject to appropriate ongoing treatment and other conditions, Dr. Sison may be capable of practicing medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients in a restricted, limited and supervised capacity, provided that Dr. Sison strictly observes and complies with reasonable and appropriate restrictions on and conditions to maintenance of his medical licensure. In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer respecting the pending Administrative Complaint, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state against the unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine, La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the order set forth hereinafter, by consent.

Dr. Sison, recognizing his right to have the allegations and charges asserted in the Administrative Complaint adjudicated pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955-58, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, nonetheless hereby

waives his right to formal adjudication of such Complaint and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955D, consents to entry of the order set forth hereinafter.

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. § 49:955D;

**IT IS ORDERED** the license of Graciano P. Sison, Jr., M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by certificate no. 03971R, be, and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, **SUSPENDED**; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the the foregoing order of suspension shall be stayed and an institutional temporary permit issued to Dr. Sison; *provided, however*, that issuance of such permit and Dr. Sison's practice of medicine thereunder shall be subject to his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(a) *Restricted, Institutional Practice.* Dr. Sison shall not engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana in excess of 40 hours per week nor other than at a hospital or other health care institution acceptable to and approved in writing by the Board, nor other than under the supervision of a physician acceptable to and approved in writing by the Board, which physician shall accept responsibility for the supervision of Dr. Sison's practice at the approved institution and for periodic reporting to the Board on Dr. Sison's practice and his compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order.

(b) *Continuing Psychiatric Therapy.* Dr. Sison shall continue in the care of J. Rahn Sherman, Jr., M.D., or such other substituted physician as may be acceptable to and approved in writing by the Board, as his treating physician-psychiatrist and shall observe and abide by all therapeutic prescriptions and recommendations of such physician.

(c) *Reporting to Board: Supervising Physician.* Dr. Sison shall authorize his approved supervising physician to submit, and it shall be his personal responsibility to cause such physician to submit to the Board, not less frequently than quarterly until such requirement is waived in writing by the Board, written reports on Dr. Sison's professional performance, his competence and safety in the practice of medicine and surgery, and his compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order.

(d) *Reporting to Board: Treating Physician.* Dr. Sison shall also authorize his treating physician to submit, and it shall be his personal responsibility to cause such physician to submit to the Board, not less frequently than quarterly until such requirement is waived in writing by the Board, written reports on Dr. Sison's then-current diagnosis, course of treatment, prognosis and capacity to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety with respect to the restricted practice in which Dr. Sison is authorized to engage hereunder. Dr. Sison's acceptance of and consent to this Order shall additionally be deemed to provide his authorization to any such

treating physician to disclose to the Board, upon the Board's request at any time, any medical records or information relating to such physician's diagnosis and treatment of Dr. Sison.

(e) *Reporting to Board: Dr. Sison.* Dr. Sison shall, within five days of his notice thereof, report to the Board any action taken or threatened against his medical staff membership or clinical privileges at any hospital or other health care facility or institution, or assertion of any professional liability claim against him.

(f) *Continuing Medical Education.* Dr. Sison shall obtain not less than 50 credit hours per year for each of the three years following entry of this Order through attendance at and participation in continuing medical education (CME) programs accredited by and qualifying for the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association, and he shall obtain such award within three years from the date hereof. On or before October 1, 1988, 1989 and 1990, Dr. Sison shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of the CME programs and credits completed by him during the preceding 12 months; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the hereinabove ordered terms, conditions and restrictions shall remain effective and applicable until this Consent Order is amended or rescinded by the Board; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Consent Order shall not be or be treated as a public record by the Board; provided, however, that notice of the terms of this Order or a certified copy of this Order may be given by the Board to the institution at which Dr. Sison may practice, Dr. Sison's supervising and treating physicians, and other persons, organizations and entities with a reasonable and legitimate need for such information; and

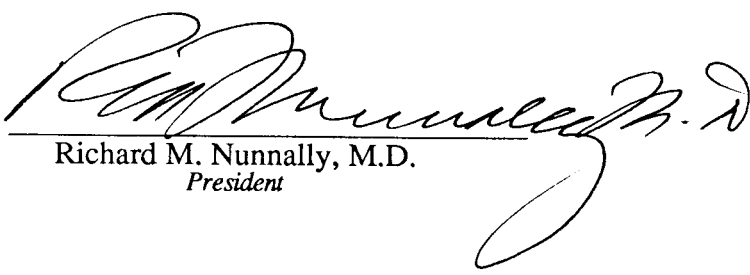
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions of this Order by Dr. Sison, shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the final revocation of Dr. Sison's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Administrative Complaint filed herein on January 21, 1988 be, and the same is hereby, dismissed, without prejudice.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1988.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

  
Richard M. Nunnally, M.D.  
President

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I, GRACIANO P. SISON, JR., M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1988.

Witness:

Feliza H. Sison

Graciano P. Sison, Jr., M.D.  
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