

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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**In the Matter of:**

**No. 12-I-736**

**MARK MITCHELL COTTER, M.D.**  
(Certificate No. 303027)

**ORDER FOR  
REINSTATEMENT OF  
UNRESTRICTED LICENSE**

*Respondent*

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This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on the request of Mark Mitchell Cotter, M.D. ("Dr. Cotter"), for the unrestricted reinstatement of his medical license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana. Previously, by Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License (*License No. MD.021321*) entered in the year 2003, Dr. Cotter's license to practice medicine was Voluntarily Surrendered as a result of his issuance of prescriptions for controlled substance without legitimate medical justification, using and abusing controlled and mood-altering substances that could have impaired his ability to practice medicine with skill and safety.<sup>1</sup> At the time of the surrender of license, Dr. Cotter was under federal felony indictment relative to the foregoing activities. He was subsequently convicted and incarcerated.

Subsequently, in 2012 Dr. Cotter petitioned the Board for reinstatement of his medical license. At that time he presented himself as a changed individual who had completed the sanctions imposed by his criminal convictions; had received treatment for his substance use disorder and had the support of his treating professionals that he was then capable of resuming the practice of medicine in some capacity. After consideration of the information presented, the Board allowed Dr. Cotter to apply for an Institutional Temporary Permit with certain terms and conditions, which authorized him to participate in a residency training program.<sup>2</sup> At the completion of a residency training program, and satisfaction of the probationary terms, Dr. Cotter would then be eligible to request the issuance of a medical license.

Dr. Cotter successfully completed his residency training program and appeared before the Board during its meeting on June 13, 2016 to request that he be issued an unrestricted Louisiana license. Based on its review, the Board concluded that Dr. Cotter had satisfied the terms of its prior Order and that the public interest would be properly served and protected by the unrestricted reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in this state. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:624 (D) and the Consent Order previously entered herein:

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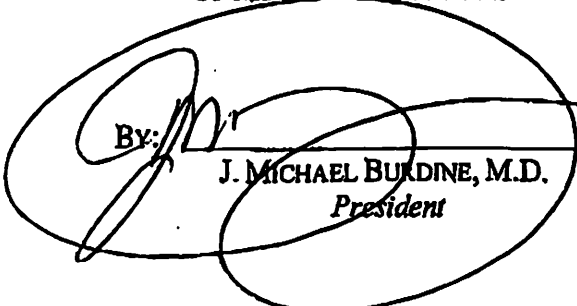
<sup>1</sup> *Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License*, In the Matter of Mark Mitchell Cotter, M.D., Inv. No. 03-I-075, La. St. Bd. of Med. Exam. (December 19, 2003).

<sup>2</sup> *Consent Order*, In the Matter of Mark Mitchell Cotter, M.D., No. 12-I-736, La. State Bd. of Med. Exam., (September 17, 2012).

**IT IS ORDERED** that upon completion of the application process, Mark Mitchell Cotter, M.D., shall be issued an unrestricted license to engage in the practice of medicine in Louisiana.

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016.

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By:    
J. MICHAEL BURDINE, M.D.  
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