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KS State Board of Healing Arts

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

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| In the Matter of |) | |
| |) | Docket No. 08-HA-00151 |
| Ron J. Marek, D.O. |) | |
| Kansas License No. 05-25073 |) | |

CONSENT ORDER

COMES NOW, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, (“Board”), by and through Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Associate Counsel (“Petitioner”), and Ron J. Marek, D.O. (“Licensee”), by and through his counsel, Gary M. Austerman, and move the Board for approval of a Consent Order affecting Licensee’s license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas. The Parties stipulate and agree to the following:

1. Licensee’s last known mailing address to the Board is: 1901 N. Maize Road, Wichita, Kansas 67212.
2. Licensee is or has been entitled to engage in the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas, having been issued License No. 05-25073 on approximately April 16, 1994, and said license having been last renewed on September 13, 2007.
3. The Board is the sole and exclusive administrative agency in the State of Kansas authorized to regulate the practice of the healing arts, specifically the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery. K.S.A. 65-2801 et seq. and K.S.A. 65-2869.

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4. This Consent Order and the filing of such document are in accordance with applicable law and the Board has jurisdiction to enter into the Consent Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-505 and 65-2838. Upon approval, these stipulations shall constitute the findings of the Board, and this Consent Order shall constitute the Board's Final Order.
5. The Kansas Healing Arts Act is constitutional on its face and as applied in the case.
6. Licensee agrees that, in considering this matter, the Board is not acting beyond its jurisdiction as provided by law.
7. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives his right to a hearing. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives his right to present a defense by oral testimony and documentary evidence, to submit rebuttal evidence, and to conduct cross-examination of witnesses. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly agrees to waive all possible substantive and procedural motions and defenses that could be raised if an administrative hearing were held.
8. The terms and conditions of the Consent Order are entered into between the undersigned parties and are submitted for the purpose of allowing these terms and conditions to become an Order of the Board. This Consent Order shall not be binding on the Board until an authorized signature is affixed at the end of this document. Licensee specifically acknowledges that counsel for the Board is not authorized to sign this Consent Order on behalf of the Board.

9. The Board has received information and investigated the same, and has reason to believe there are grounds to take action with respect to Licensee's license under the Healing Arts Act.
10. The Board received allegations that Licensee inappropriately touched female patients and made inappropriate remarks during treatments.
11. Patient 1 reported to the Board that Licensee discussed Patient 1's breakup with her boyfriend and remarked that she 'could have any man she wanted because she was so beautiful' while hugging and kissing the Patient on the head.
12. Patient 2 reported to a Board investigator that Licensee raised her blouse and ran his hands down her breasts when there was no medical cause to do so.
13. Licensee denies any inappropriate touching of or remarks to patients.
14. Licensee has instituted an office policy which provides he will have a chaperone for all female patients. Licensee agrees he will maintain this policy.
15. While not admitting wrongdoing, Licensee acknowledges that if formal hearing proceedings were conducted and Licensee presented no exhibits, witnesses or other evidence, the Board has sufficient evidence to establish a basis that Licensee has violated the Healing Arts Act with respect to the above allegations. Licensee further waives his right to dispute or otherwise contest the allegations contained in the above paragraphs in any further proceeding before this Board. Licensee further waives his right to dispute or otherwise contest the facts contained in the above paragraphs in any future proceeding before this Board.
16. Licensee's acts, if proven, constitute unprofessional conduct as set forth in K.S.A. 65-2836 and further defined by 65-2837(b)(16), for sexual misconduct.

17. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2836 the Board has grounds to deny, revoke, suspend, limit, or censure Licensee's license.
18. According to K.S.A.65-2838(b), the Board has authority to enter into this Consent Order without the necessity of proceeding to a formal hearing.
19. In lieu of conducting a formal proceeding, Licensee, by signature affixed to this Consent Order, hereby voluntarily agrees to the following non-disciplinary provisions:

EDUCATION

- a. Licensee shall attend and successful complete a continuing education course on professional boundaries at his own expense. Licensee shall provide proof of successful completion within six (6) months after filing of this Consent Order.
 - b. The course must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Vanderbilt University School of Medicine's 'Maintaining Proper Boundaries' course would satisfy the education requirement.
 - c. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, said continuing education course(s) shall consist of a formal live lecture format.
20. Licensee's failure to comply with the provisions of the Consent Order may result in the Board taking disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate according to the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act and Kansas Healing Arts Act.
 21. Nothing in this Consent Order shall be construed to deny the Board jurisdiction to investigate alleged violations of the Healing Arts Act, or to investigate complaints received under the Risk Management Law, K.S.A. 64-4921 et seq., that are

known or unknown and are not covered under this Consent Order, or to initiate formal proceedings based upon known or unknown allegations of violations of the Healing Arts Act.

22. Licensee hereby releases the Board, its individual members (in their official and personal capacity), attorneys, employees and agents, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees", from any and all claims, including but not limited to those alleged damages, actions, liabilities, both administrative and civil, including the Kansas Act for Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement of Agency Actions, K.S.A. 77-601 et seq. arising out of the investigation and acts leading to the execution of this Consent Order. This release shall forever discharge the Releasees of any and all claims or demands of every kind and nature that Licensee has claimed to have had at the time of this release or might have had, either known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and Licensee shall not commence to prosecute, cause or permit to be prosecuted, any action or proceeding of any description against the Releasees.
23. Licensee further understands and agrees that upon signature by Licensee, this document shall be deemed a public record and shall be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards, and any other reporting entities authorized to receive disclosure of the Consent Order.
24. This Consent Order, when signed by both parties, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may only be modified or amended by a subsequent document executed in the same manner by the parties.

25. Licensee agrees that all information maintained by the Board pertaining to the nature and result of any complaint and/or investigation may be fully disclosed to and considered by the Board in conjunction with the presentation of any offer of settlement, even if Licensee is not present. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board may conduct further inquiry as it deems necessary before the complete or partial acceptance or rejection of any offer of settlement.
26. Licensee, by signature to this document, waives any objection to the participation of the Board members, including the Disciplinary Panel and General Counsel, in the consideration of this offer of settlement and agrees not to seek the disqualification or recusal of any Board member or General Counsel in any future proceedings on the basis that the Board member or General Counsel has received investigative information from any source which otherwise may not be admissible or admitted as evidence.
27. Licensee acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and fully understands the contents.
28. Licensee acknowledges that this Consent Order has been entered into freely and voluntarily.
29. All correspondence or communication between Licensee and the Board relating to the Consent Order shall be by certified mail addressed to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, Attn: Compliance Coordinator, 235 S. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068.
30. Licensee shall obey all federal, state and local laws and rules governing the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas that may be in place at the

time of execution of the Consent Order or may become effective subsequent to the execution of this document.

31. Upon execution of this Consent Order by affixing a Board authorized signature below, the provisions of this Consent Order shall become an Order under K.S.A. 65-2838. This Consent Order shall constitute the Board's Order when filed with the office of the Executive Director for the Board and no further Order is required.

32. The Board may consider all aspects of this Consent Order in any future matter regarding Licensee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Consent Order and agreement of the parties contained herein is adopted by the Board as findings of fact and conclusions of law.

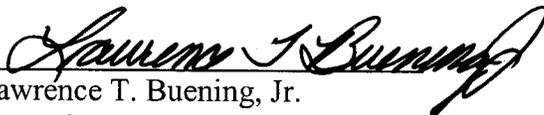
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

EDUCATION

- a. Licensee shall attend and successful complete a continuing education course on professional boundaries at his own expense. Licensee shall provide proof of successful completion within six (6) months after filing of this Consent Order.
- b. The course must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Vanderbilt University School of Medicine's 'Maintaining Proper Boundaries' course would satisfy the education requirement.
- c. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, said continuing education course(s) shall consist of a formal live lecture format.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this 25th day of February, 2008.

**FOR THE KANSAS STATE
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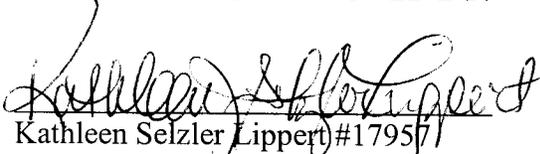

Lawrence T. Buening, Jr.
Executive Director

2/25/08
Date

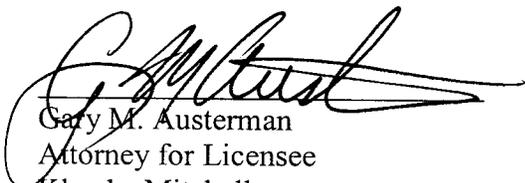

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Licensee

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Name, Title

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the Consent Order by United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 26th day of February, 2008, to the following:

Ron J. Marek, D.O.
Licensee
1901 N. Maize Road
Wichita, Kansas 67212

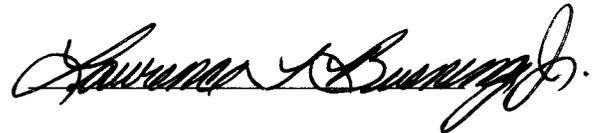
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And the original was hand-filed with:

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And a copy was hand-delivered to:

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