

BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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KS State Board of Healing Arts

In the Matter of)
SANDHYA PAHUJA, M.D.)
Application for Licensure)
_____)

KSBHA Docket No. 13-HA00092

FINAL ORDER DENYING LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

NOW on this 14th day of June, 2013, comes before the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board") the application of Sandhya Pahuja, M.D. ("Applicant") for a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas. Applicant appears via teleconference and *pro se*. Seth Brackman, Associate Litigation Counsel, appears on behalf of the Board.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by the Kansas Healing Arts Act, K.S.A. 65-2801 *et seq.*, and in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq.*, the Board hereby enters this Final Order in the above-captioned matter. After reviewing the agency record, hearing the statements and arguments of the parties, and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board makes the following findings, conclusions and order:

1. Applicant submitted an application for licensure by endorsement to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas. Such application was complete and filed with the Board on or about April 29, 2013.
2. In 1995, Applicant graduated from Moscow Medical Academy in Moscow, Russian Federation.
3. Applicant completed all 3 steps of the USMLE in 10 years.

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4. Applicant currently maintains an active license to practice medicine and surgery in Kentucky, which was issued in 2013. There are no reported disciplinary actions against Applicant's Kentucky license.

5. Applicant's postgraduate training was not accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). As such, Applicant seeks licensure by endorsement based on her Kentucky medical license.

6. From 2003 to 2010, Dr. Pahuja was a consultant to the Department of Ophthalmology at Aravali hospital in Rajasthan, India. Currently, Dr. Pahuja is a consultant for the Param Jyoti Eye Center in India.

7. In June of 2011, Applicant completed a one-year non-accredited, pre-residency fellowship as a Glaucoma Fellow in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. In November of 2012, Applicant completed a 1-year fellowship in cornea and refractive surgery at Park Avenue Lasik in New York, New York.

8. Aside from the two fellowships, Applicant has not practiced in the United States. Applicant has never practiced under her Kentucky license.

9. The Board finds that Applicant has not engaged in sufficient active practice under her Kentucky license to warrant licensure by endorsement in State of Kansas. Specifically, Applicant has not been actively engaged in the practice of medicine under her Kentucky license as required by K.S.A. 65-2833(d).

10. The Board concludes that Applicant has not satisfactorily fulfilled K.S.A. 65-2833 to be granted a license by endorsement to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, BY THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS that Applicant's application for a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas is hereby DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 24 DAY OF JUNE 2013, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.


Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Executive Director
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this is a Final Order. A Final Order is effective upon service, and service of a Final Order is complete upon mailing. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-529, Licensee may petition the Board for Reconsideration of a Final Order within fifteen (15) days following service of the final order. Additionally, a party to an agency proceeding may seek judicial review of a Final Order by filing a petition in the District Court, as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, *et seq.* Reconsideration of a Final Order is not a prerequisite to judicial review. A petition for judicial review is not timely unless filed within **30 days** following service of the Final Order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, KS 66612.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above foregoing **FINAL ORDER DENYING LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT** was served this 24th day of June, 2013 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, and addressed to:

Sandhya Pahuja, M.D.
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Leitchfield, KY 42754

And a copy was hand-delivered to:

Seth Brackman, Associate Litigation Counsel
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Katy Lenahan, Licensing Administrator
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
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And the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director.



Cathy Brown, Executive Assistant

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