# BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	)	
Carol Stone Wolman, M.D.	ý	File No. D1-1999-98505
Physician's and Surgeon's	ý	
Certificate No. G 17507	j	
Respondent	) )	

#### **DECISION**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Division of Medical Quality of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on November 29, 2004

IT IS SO ORDERED October 29, 2004

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Ronald L. Moy, M.D., Chair

Panel B

Division of Medical Quality

BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General 1 of the State of California GAIL M. HEPPELL, Supervising 2 Deputy Attorney General, State Bar No. 84134 DANIEL J. TURNER, State Bar No. 79560 3 Deputy Attorney General California Department of Justice 1300 I Street, Suite 125 P.O. Box 944255 5 Sacramento, CA 94244-2550 Telephone: (916) 324-7861 Facsimile: (916) 327-2247 Attorneys for Complainant 8 BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY 9 MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 1 I Case No. D1-1999-98505 In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke Probation 12 Against: 13 STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND CAROL STONE WOLMAN, M.D. DISCIPLINARY ORDER 14 Post Office Box 822 Albion, CA 95410 15 Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 17507 16 Respondent. 17 18 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the 19 above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true: 20 PARTIES 21 David T. Thomton (Complainant) is the Interim Expensive Director of the 22 1. Medical Board of California. He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented 23 in this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by Daniel J. Turner, 24 Deputy Attorney General. 25 Carol Stone Wolman (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by 26 2. attorney John A. Etchevers, Esq., whose address is Hassard, Bonnington, Two Embarcadero Center, 27 Suite 1800, San Francisco, CA 94111. 28

On or about October 28, 1969, the Medical Board of California issued 3, 1 Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 17507 to Carol Stone Wolman (Respondent). The 2 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Petition to 3 Revoke Probation No. D1-1999-98505 and will expire on June 30, 2005, unless renewed. 4 JURISDICTION 5 Petition to Revoke Probation No. D1-1999-98505 was filed before the 6 Division of Medical Quality (Division) for the Medical Board of California, Department of 7 Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Petition to Revoke Probation 8 and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on May 14, 2004. 9 Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Petition to Revoke Probation. A copy 10 of Petition to Revoke Probation No. D1-1999-98505 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein 11 12 by reference. ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS 13 Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands 5. 14 the charges and allegations in Petition to Revoke Probation No. D1-1999-98505. Respondent has 15 also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated 16 Settlement and Disciplinary Order. 17 Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right б. 18 to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Petition to Revoke Probation; the right to be 19 represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses 20 against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance 21 of subpoenes to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to 22 reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the 23 California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws. 24 Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each 7. 25 and every right set forth above! 26

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### CULPABILITY

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Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Petition to Revoke Probation No. D1-1999-98505.

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9. Respondent agrees that her Physician and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Division's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

## RESERVATION

The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this 10. proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

#### CONTINGENCY

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Division of Medical Quality. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Division regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Division considers and acts upon it. If the Division fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Division shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Division may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

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 DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license revocation previously imposed and stayed against Respondent Carol Stone Wolman, Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 17507, pursuant to Decision and Order issued by the Board on August 5, 2003, ir. Casa No. D1-1999-98505, is imposed and the license is revoked. However, revocation is stayed and Respondent's license is placed on probation for the same term as stated in the Decision and Order issued by the Board on August 5, 2003, except that Respondent shall serve an additional year of probation, for a total probationary period of five years. The previous terms and conditions imposed in the Decision and Order issued by the Board on August 5, 2003, (Conditions 1 through 13), shall be superseded by the following terms and conditions:

shall not order, prescribe, dispense, administer, or possess any controlled substances as defined by the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, except for those drugs listed in Schedules III, IV, and V of the Act and the ADD medications Ritalin and Adderal.

Respondent shall not issue an oral or written recommendation or approval to a patient or a patient's primary caregiver for the possession or cultivation of marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 1362.5. If Respondent forms the medical opinion, after a good faith prior examination, that a patient's medical condition may benefit from the use of marijuana, Respondent shall so inform the patient and shall refer the patient to another physician who, following a good faith examination, may independently issue a medically appropriate recommendation or approval for the possession or cultivation of marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 11362.5. In addition, Respondent shall inform the patient or the patient's primary caregiver that Respondent is prohibited from issuing a recommendation or approval for the possession or cultivation of marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient, and that the patient or the patient's primary caregiver may not rely on Respondent's statements to legally possess or cultivate marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient. Respondent shall fully document in the patient's chart that the patient or the patient's primary caregiver was so informed.

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Nothing in this condition prohibits Respondent from providing the patient or the patient's primary caregiver information about the possible medical benefits resulting from the use of manipuana.

2. MONITORING - PRACTICE/BILLING Within 30 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Division or its designee for prior approval as a practice monitor, the name and qualifications of one or more licensed physicians and surgeons whose licenses are valid and in good standing, and who are preferably American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) certified. A monitor shall have no prior or current business or personal relationship with Respondent, or other relationship that could reasonably be expected to compromise the ability of the monitor to render fair and unbiased reports to the Division, including, but not limited to, any form of bartering, shall be in Respondent's field of practice, and must agree to serve as Respondent's monitor. Respondent shall pay all monitoring costs.

The Division or its designee shall provide the approved monitor with copies of the Decisions and Accusation, and a proposed monitoring plan. Within 15 calcular days of receipt of the Decisions, Accusation, and proposed monitoring plan, the monitor shall submit a signed statement that the monitor has read the Decisions and Accusation, fully understands the role of a monitor, and agrees or disagrees with the proposed monitoring plan. If the monitor disagrees with the proposed monitoring plan with the signed statement.

Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and continuing throughout probation, Respondent's practice shall be monitored by the approved monitor. Respondent shall make all records available for immediate inspection and copying on the premises by the monitor at all times during business hours, and shall retain the records for the entire term of probation.

The monitor shall submit a quarterly written report to the Division or its designee which includes an evaluation of Respondent's performance, indicating whether respondent's practices are within the standards of practice of medicine or billing, or both, and whether Respondent is practicing medicine safely, billing appropriately or both.

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It shall be the sole responsibility of Respondent to ensure that the monitor submits the quarterly written reports to the Division or its designee within 10 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.

If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within 5 calendar days of such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Division or its designee, for prior approval, the name and qualifications of a replacement monitor who will be assuming that responsibility within 15 calendar days. If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a replacement monitor within 60 days of the resignation or unavailability of the monitor, Respondent shall be suspended from the practice of medicine until a replacement monitor is approved and prepared to assume immediate monitoring responsibility. Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine within 3 calendar days after being so notified by the Division or designee.

In lieu of a monitor, Respondent may participate in a professional enhancement program equivalent to the one offered by the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, that includes, at minimum, quarterly chart review, semi-annual practice assessment, and semi-annual review of professional growth and education. Respondent shall participate in the professional enhancement program at Respondent's expense during the term of probation.

Failure to maintain all records, or to make all appropriate records available for immediate inspection and copying on the premises, or to comply with this condition as outlined above is a violation of probation.

3. NOTIFICATION Prior to engaging in the practice of medicine, Respondent shall provide a true copy of the Decision(s) and Accusation(s) to the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to Respondent, at any other facility where respondent engages in the practice of medicine, including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Division or its designee within 15 calendar days.

This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

- 4. OBEY ALL LAWS Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments and other orders.
- 5. <u>OUARTERLY DECLARATIONS</u> Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Division, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.
- 6. PROBATION UNIT COMPLIANCE Respondent shall comply with the Division's probation unit. Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Division informed of Respondent's business and residence addresses. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Division or its designee. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business and Professions Code section 2021(b).

Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's place of residence. Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's license.

Respondent shall immediately inform the Division, or its designee, in writing, of travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, for is contemplated to last, more than 30 calendar days.

- 7. INTERVIEW WITH THE DIVISION, OR ITS DESIGNEE Respondent shall be available in person for interviews either at respondent's place of business or at the probation unit office, with the Division or its designee, upon request at various intervals, and either with or without prior nonce throughout the term of probation.
- 8. RESIDING OR PRACTICING OUT-OF-STATE In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice, Respondent shall notify the Division or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of departure and return. Non-practice is

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defined as any period of time exceeding 30 calendar days in which Respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code.

All time spent in an intensive training program outside the State of California which has been approved by the Division or its designee shall be considered as time spent in the practice of medicine within the State. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California will relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws; Probation Unit Compliance; and Cost Recovery.

Respondent's license shall be automatically canceled if Respondent's periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California total two years. However, Respondent's license shall not be canceled as long as Respondent is residing and practicing medicine in another state of the United States and is on active probation with the medical licensing authority of that state, in which case the two year period shall begin on the date probation is completed or terminated in that state.

## 9. FAILURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE - CALIFORNIA RESIDENT

In the event Respondent resides in the State of California and for any reason Respondent stops practicing medicine in California, Respondent shall notify the Division or its designee in writing within 30 calendar days prior to the dates of non-practice and return to practice. Any period of non-practice within California, as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term and does not relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the terms and conditions of probation. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding 30 calendar days in which Respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code.

All time spent in an intensive training program which has been approved by the Division or its designee shall be considered time spent in the practice of medicine. For purposes of this condition, non-practice due to a Board-ordered suspension or in compliance with any other

condition of probation, shall not be considered a period of non-practice.

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Respondent's license shall be automatically canceled if Respondent resides in California and for a total of two years, fails to engage in California in any of the activities described in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052.

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10. COMPLETION OF PROBATION Respondent shall comply with all financial obligations (e.g., probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall be fully

- 11. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u> Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Division, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Division shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- 12. LICENSE SURRENDER Following the effective date of this Decision, if Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request the voluntary surrender of Respondent's license. The Division reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Division or its designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation and the surrender of Respondent's license shall be deemed disciplinary action. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.
- 13. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the

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Division, which are currently set at \$2,874,00, but may be edjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California and delivered to the Division of its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar year. Failure to pay costs within 30 calendar days of the due date is a violation of probation.

### ACCEPTANCE

Thave carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Itsciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, John A. Etchevers, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California.

DATED: 9/9/04

CAROL STONE WOLMAN

Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Carol Stone Wolman, the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

I approve its form and content,

DATED:

JOHN A ETCHEVERS, ESQ. Automoy for Respondent

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### **ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 10-14-2004.

BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California

DANIEL J. TURNER
Deputy Automocy General

Attorneys for Complainant

Exhibit A

Petition to Revoke Probation No. D1-1999-98505

FILED STATE OF CALIFORNIA BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA of the State of California SACRAMENTO\_ GAIL M. HEPPELL, Supervising 2 BY: M. anak Deputy Attorney General, State Bar No. 84134 DANIEL J. TURNER, State Bar No. 79560 3 Deputy Attorney General California Department of Justice 1300 I Street, Suite 125 5 P.O. Box 944255 Sacramento, CA 94244-2550 Telephone: (916) 324-7861 Facsimile: (916) 327-2247 7 Attorneys for Complainant 8 9 BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY 10 MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 11 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 12 In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke Probation Case No. D1-1999-98505 13 Against: CAROL STONE WOLMAN, M.D. 14 PETITION TO REVOKE Post Office Box 822 **PROBATION** 15 Albion, CA 95410 Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 17507 16 17 Respondent. 18 19 Complainant alleges: 20 **PARTIES** 21 1. David T. Thornton ("Complainant") brings this Petition to Revoke Probation solely in his official capacity as the Interim Executive Director of the Medical Board of 22 California, Department of Consumer Affairs. 23 24 On or about October 28, 1969, the Medical Board of California issued 2.

Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 17507 to Carol Stone Wolman, M.D. ("Respondent").

The certificate was in effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein, and will expire on

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June 30, 2005, unless renewed.

3. In a disciplinary action entitled, "In the Matter of First Amended Accusation Against Wolman, Carol Stone," Case No. 12-1999-98505, the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, issued a decision, effective September 4, 2003, in which Respondent's Physician and Surgeon's Certificate was revoked. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent's certificate was placed on probation for a period of four (4) years with certain terms and conditions. A copy of that Decision is attached as Exhibit A hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

## **JURISDICTION**

- 4. This Petition to Revoke Probation is brought before the Division of Medical Quality ("Division") for the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 5. Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other action taken in relation to discipline as the Division deems proper.
  - 6. Section 2234 of the Code states:

"The Division of Medical Quality shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- "(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act].
  - "(b) Gross negligence.
- "(c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts.

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"(1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single negligent act.

"(2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.

"(d) Incompetence.

"(e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.

"(f) Any action or conduct which would have warranted the denial of a certificate."

## FIRST CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION (Enroll in PACE Program)

7. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 2 stated, in pertinent part:

Within 90 days from the effective date of this decision, respondent, at his/her expense, shall enroll in The Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine (hereinafter the "PACE Program"). and complete the PACE Program within six months of enrollment. ....Respondent shall complete the PACE Program no later than six months after his (sic) initial enrollment unless the Division or its designee agrees in writing to a later time for completion.

8. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to comply with Probation Condition 2, referenced above. The facts and circumstances regarding this violation are as follows:

A. Respondent's probation was effective September 4, 2003, and as of April 6, 2004, Respondent had failed to enroll in the PACE program within 90 days from the effective date of the Decision.

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## SECOND CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION (Cost Recovery)

9. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 11 stated, in pertinent part:

The respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Board the amount of \$1,500 for its investigative and prosecution costs, with the initial payment of \$500 due within six months of the effective date of this decision and the balance due within three years of the effective date.

- 10. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to comply with Probation Condition 11, referenced above. The facts and circumstances regarding this violation are as follows:
- A. Respondent's probation was effective September 4, 2003, and as of April 6, 2004, Respondent has failed to make the first payment of \$500 within the first six months of the effective date of probation.

## THIRD CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION (Probation Monitoring Fees)

11. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 12 stated, in pertinent part:

Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Division, which are currently set at \$2,874....Such costs shall be payable to the Division of Medical Quality and delivered to the designated probation surveillance monitor no later than January 31 of each calendar year.... Failure to pay the costs within 30 days of the due date shall constitute a violation of probation.

Respondent's first prorated payment of \$958 was due on January 31, 2004.

- 12. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to comply with Probation Condition 12, referenced above. The facts and circumstances regarding this violation are as follows:
- A. As of April 6, 2004, Respondent has failed to pay the first prorated payment of her probation monitoring costs in the amount of \$958 that was due on January 31, 2004.

### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Division of Medical Quality issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking the probation that was granted by the Medical Board of California in Case No. 12-1999-98505 and imposing the disciplinary order that was stayed, thereby revoking Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 17507 issued to Carol Stone Wolman;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 17507, issued to Carol Stone Wolman;
- 3. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Carol Stone Wolman's authority to supervise physician's assistants, pursuant to section 3527 of the Code;
  - 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED:	<u>May 14</u>	, 2004
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DAVID T. THORNTON
Interim Executive Director
Medical Board of California
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

# Exhibit A Decision and Order Medical Board of California Case No. D1-1999-98505

# BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Carol Stone Wolman, M.D. Box 822 Albion, CA 95410

Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate G-17507

Respondent.

Case No. 12-1999-98505

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## **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on September 4, 2003

It is so ORDERED August 5, 2003

FOR THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the
19	above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:
20	PARTIES  1. Ron Joseph (Complainant) is the Figure 7.
21	Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board
22	of California. He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this
23	matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by Lawrence A. Mercer,
24	Deputy Attorney General.
25	2. Respondent Carol Stone Wolman, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in
26	this proceeding by her attorneys, Hassard Bonnington L.L.P., and John Etchevers, Esq., whose
	address is Two Embarcadero, Suite 1800, San Francisco, CA 94111-3993.
27	3. On or about October 28, 1969, the Medical Board of California issued
28	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G-17507 to Carol Stone Wolman, M.D. (Respondent).
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Said license is currently valid with an expiration date of June 30, 2005.

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4. Accusation No. 12-1999-98505 was filed before the Division of Medical Quality (Division) for the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on February 22, 2002. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A First Amended Accusation was filed on January 23, 2003, and respondent's earlier Notice of Defense was deemed to respond to the charges in the amended pleading. A copy of First Amended Accusation No. 12-1999-98505 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 12-1999-98505. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

## **CULPABILITY**

8. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 12-1999-98505, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her license to practice medicine in the State of California.

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9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up her right to contest those charges.

10. Respondent agrees that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate no. G-17507 is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

## RESERVATION

11. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

## CONTINGENCY

- Quality. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Division regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Division considers and acts upon it. If the Division fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Division shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Division may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the

following Disciplinary Order:

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 DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate no. G-17507 issued to Respondent Carol Stone Wolman, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for four (4) years on the following terms and conditions.

Within 15 days after the effective date of this decision the respondent shall provide the Division, or its designee, proof of service that respondent has served a true copy of this decision on the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to respondent or at any other facility where respondent engages in the practice of medicine and on the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier where malpractice insurance coverage is extended to respondent.

- 1. <u>CONTROLLED DRUGS PARTIAL RESTRICTION</u> Respondent shall not prescribe, administer, dispense, order, or possess any controlled substances as defined by the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, except for those drugs listed in Schedule(s) III, IV and V of the Act and the ADD medications Ritalin and Adderal.

  2. <u>PHYSICIAN ASSESSMENT AND CLINICAL EDUCATION</u>
- PROGRAM Within 90 days from the effective date of this decision, respondent, at his/her expense, shall enroll in The Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine (hereinafter the "PACE Program"). The PACE Program consists of the Comprehensive Assessment Program which is comprised of two mandatory components: Phase 1 and Phase 2. Phase 1 is a two-day program which assesses physical and mental health; neuropsychological performance; basic clinical and communication skills common to all clinicians; and medical knowledge, skill and judgment pertaining to the specialty or sub-specialty of the respondent. After the results of Phase 1 are reviewed, respondent shall complete Phase 2. Phase 2 comprises five (5) days (40 hours) of Clinical Education in respondent's field of specialty. The specific curriculum of Phase 2 is designed by

PACE Faculty and the Department or Division of respondent's specialty, and utilizes data

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obtained from Phase 1. After respondent has completed Phase 1 and Phase 2, the PACE Evaluation Committee will review all results and make a recommendation to the Division or its designee as to whether further education, clinical training (including scope and length), treatment of any medical and/or psychological condition and any other matters affecting respondent's practice of medicine will be required or recommended. The Division or its designee may at any time request information from PACE regarding the respondent's participation in PACE and/or information derived therefrom. The Division may order respondent to undergo additional education, medical and/or psychological treatment based upon the recommendations received from PACE.

Upon approval of the recommendation by the Division or its designee, respondent shall undertake and complete the recommended and approved PACE Program. At the completion of the PACE Program, respondent shall submit to an examination on its contents and substance. The examination shall be designed and administered by the PACE Program faculty. Respondent shall not be deemed to have successfully completed the program unless he/she passes the examination. Respondent agrees that the determination of the PACE Program faculty as to whether or not she passed the examination and/or successfully completed the PACE Program shall be binding.

Respondent shall complete the PACE Program no later than six months after his initial enrollment unless the Division or its designee agrees in writing to a later time for completion.

If respondent successfully completes the PACE Program, including the examination referenced above, she agrees to cause the PACE Program representative to forward a Certification of Successful Completion of the program to the Division or its designee. If respondent fails to successfully complete the PACE Program within the time limits outlined above, she shall be suspended from the practice of medicine.

Failure to participate in, and successfully complete all phases of the PACE Program, as outlined above, shall constitute a violation of probation.

MONITORING Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this

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decision, respondent shall submit to the Division or its designee for its prior approval a plan of practice in which respondent's practice shall be monitored by another physician in respondent's field of practice, who shall provide periodic reports to the Division or its designee.

If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, respondent shall, within fifteen (15) days, move to have a new monitor appointed, through nomination by respondent and approval by the Division or its designee.

- 4. <u>OBEY ALL LAWS</u> Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments and other orders.
- 5. <u>QUARTERLY REPORTS</u> Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Division, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.
- 6. PROBATION SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
  Respondent shall comply with the Division's probation surveillance program. Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Division informed of her business and residence addresses which shall both serve as addresses of record. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Division. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business and Professions Code section 2021(b).

Respondent shall, at all times, maintain a current and renewed physician's and surgeon's license.

Respondent shall also immediately inform the Division, in writing, of any travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty (30) days.

7. INTERVIEW WITH THE DIVISION, ITS DESIGNEE OR ITS

DESIGNATED PHYSICIAN(S) Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Division, its designee or its designated physician(s) upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.

8. TOLLING FOR OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE, RESIDENCE OR IN-

STATE NON-PRACTICE In the event respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State or for any reason should respondent stop practicing medicine in California, respondent shall notify the Division or its designee in writing within ten (10) days of the dates of departure and return or the dates of non-practice within California. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding thirty (30) days in which respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code. All time spent in an intensive training program approved by the Division or its designee shall be considered as time spent in the practice of medicine. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California or of non-practice within California, as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary order.

- 9. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u> Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.
- 10. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u> If respondent violates probation in any respect, the Division, after giving respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an accusation or petition to revoke probation is filed against respondent during probation, the Division shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- Division the amount of \$1,500.00 for its investigative and prosecution costs, with the initial payment of \$500.00 due within six months of the effective date of this decision and the balance due within three years of the effective date. Failure to reimburse the Division's cost of investigation and prosecution shall constitute a violation of the probation order, unless the Division agrees in writing to payment by an installment plan because of financial hardship. The filing of bankruptcy by the respondent shall not relieve the respondent of her responsibility to reimburse the Division for its investigative and prosecution costs.

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PROBATION COSTS Respondent shall pay the costs associated with 12. probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Division, which are currently set at \$2,874.00, but may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Division of Medical Quality and delivered to the designated probation surveillance monitor no later than January 31-of each calendar year, unless the Board upon a showing of financial hardship agrees in writing to a later date. Failure to pay costs within 30 days of the due date shall constitute a violation of probation.

13. LICENSE SURRENDER Following the effective date of this decision, if respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may voluntarily tender her certificate to the Board. The Division reserves the right to evaluate the respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license, respondent will not longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation.

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2	I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and
3	have fully discussed it with my attorney. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have
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5	Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the
6	Decision and Order of the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California.
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## **ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: June 13, 2003

BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California

Deputy Attorney General

Attorneys for Complainant

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