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: **In Re:** : **NO. 03-I-080**
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: **Application of** :
LESLIE E. LAWRENCE, M.D. : **CONSENT ORDER**
for Medical License : **FOR ISSUANCE OF**
: **MEDICAL LICENSE**
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This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on the application of Leslie E. Lawrence, M.D. ("Dr. Lawrence"), for a license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana. Dr. Lawrence is a 1999 graduate of the University of California School of Medicine. She has completed two-years of a psychiatry residency training program at Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana and has passed all steps of the United States Medical Licensing Examination, *albeit* on more attempts than permitted by the Board's rules, thereby providing sufficient grounds for the Board to deny Dr. Lawrence's application.¹ Nevertheless, as acknowledged by Dr. Lawrence in her application and otherwise, she has suffered from and been treated for Bipolar disorder and its related consequences since 1995. As evident from the reports of her treating physician during the period of time when she sat for two of her examination failures Dr. Lawrence was suffering and/or recovering from episodes relating to her condition or the effects of the medication regimen prescribed for treatment. Such physician reports that Dr. Lawrence is now stable, that she has been in full remission since December 2001, does not suffer from any psychiatric symptoms and is well-maintained on her current medication regimen. Dr. Lawrence requests that the Board approve her application so that she may resume her residency training program and thereafter enter practice in Louisiana.

As evidenced by her subscription hereto Dr. Lawrence acknowledges that she suffers from a psychiatric condition which if unattended has the capacity to impede her ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, thereby constituting sufficient grounds to deny the physician's application.² Based on the above information and other considerations apparent from the physician's application materials and personal appearances, however, the Board is persuaded that the public interest will be properly protected and served by waiving the examination failures which she demonstrated were directly impacted by her illness and issuing Dr. Lawrence a license to practice medicine subject to her acceptance of and compliance with appropriate terms and conditions relating to the continuing monitoring and treatment of her psychiatric condition, as set forth hereinafter. In consideration of this finding 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. And by her subscription hereto, Dr. Lawrence hereby consents to entry of the Order set forth below and to the issuance of licensure pursuant

¹La. Adm. C. 46XLV §§3.11A.5 and 387.

²La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(5), (25).

thereto. 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. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that a license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana shall be issued to Leslie E. Lawrence, M.D., *provided, however*, that the issuance of such license and Dr. Lawrence's continuing exercises of the rights and privileges thereunder shall be indefinitely conditioned upon and subject to her acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms and conditions:

(1) *Continuing Psychiatric Treatment.* Dr. Lawrence shall submit to continuing psychiatric care under a psychiatrist approved by the Board and comply with all recommendations for treatment as prescribed by such physician, including the administration of any medications. Dr. Lawrence shall, further, authorize and cause her treating psychiatrist to furnish the Board, not less frequently than semiannually until otherwise ordered by the Board, with written reports on her then-current diagnosis, prognosis and treatment.

(2) *Participation in Physicians' Health Program.* Within ten (10) days from the acceptance of this Order by the Board Dr. Lawrence shall, if she has not already done so, enter into a monitoring agreement ("agreement") with the Physicians' Health Program ("PHP") of the Physicians' Health Foundation of Louisiana for such term and providing such conditions as may be recommended by the PHP and designating both a treating psychiatrist and monitoring physician acceptable to the PHP and to the Board. Dr. Lawrence shall comply with all terms and conditions of the agreement, a copy of which she shall cause to be furnished to the Board within five (5) days of its execution. Dr. Lawrence shall, moreover, authorize and cause her treating and monitoring physicians to submit to the Board, not less frequently than semiannually, written reports and verbal reports should the Board desire, as to her then-current treatment program, diagnosis, prognosis and her compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

(3) *Restriction of Practice.* Until and unless this condition is subsequently modified by written order of the Board Dr. Lawrence shall not engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana other than in an academic setting or in a private practice setting approved in writing by the Board.

(4) *Reports by Supervising Physician.* Dr. Lawrence shall authorize and cause a physician with whom she works or is associated in practice, that is acceptable to the Board, to submit to the Board not less frequently than semiannually, written reports on Dr. Lawrence's professional competency and performance.

(5) *Board Access to Treatment Records and Reports.* Dr. Lawrence shall and does by her subscription hereto authorize and cause any physician or any institution at which she undergoes treatment for any psychiatric condition, as well as any physician under whose care she may come at such an institution, who has or may hereafter evaluate, diagnose, treat or monitor her, to provide the Board with complete copies of all medical records relating to Dr. Lawrence's history, examination, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis and to provide the Board with written and verbal reports relative thereto. Dr. Lawrence expressly waives any privilege that may otherwise be afforded the disclosure of such records pursuant to state or federal law and by her subscription hereto acknowledges that she shall immediately execute any authorization presented to her by the Board to obtain such records.

(6) *Cooperation with Board's Compliance Officer.* Dr. Lawrence shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Consent Order to the attention of the Board's Compliance Officer with whom she shall cooperate on all matters and inquiries pertaining to the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.

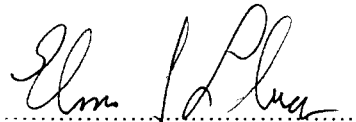
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms or conditions set forth by this Order by Dr. Lawrence shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Lawrence's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, as if such were enumerated among the causes provided by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order is and shall be deemed to be a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 20 day of January, 2004.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By:




ELMO J. LABORDE, M.D.
President


STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF Jefferson

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

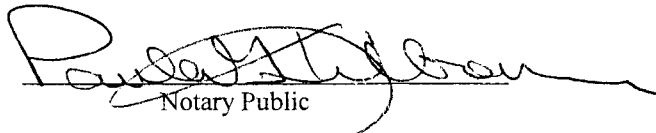
I, LESLIE E. LAWRENCE, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 12th day of January, 2004.


LESLIE E. LAWRENCE, M.D.

 WITNESSES:
Signature
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Signature
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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Gretna, Louisiana, this 12th day of January, 2004, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public

PAULA G. KILBOURNE
NOTARY PUBLIC #53503
Parish of Orleans, State Louisiana
My Commission is issued for life.

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| <p>In The Matter Of</p> <p>LESLIE E. LAWRENCE, M.D. (Certificate No. 15429R)</p> | <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> | <p>No. 03-I-080</p> <p>ORDER FOR REINSTATEMENT OF UNRESTRICTED LICENSE</p> |
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This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on the application of Leslie E. Lawrence, M.D. ("Dr. Lawrence") for the unrestricted reinstatement of her medical license. Heretofore, by Consent Order entered in 2004 Dr. Lawrence's license was issued by the Board on indefinite terms and conditions.¹

In connection with the physician's request the Board considered the entire history of this matter. As all available information indicates that Dr. Lawrence has complied with all of the requirements of the Order previously imposed, the Board has concluded that the public interest would be properly served and protected by the unrestricted reinstatement of her license to practice medicine in this state. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285(D), and in accordance with the Order previously entered herein;

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Leslie E. Lawrence, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 15429R be, and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, *fully reinstated without restriction*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

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¹ *Consent Order for Issuance of Medical License*, In The Matter of Leslie E. Lawrence, M.D., Cert. No. 15429R No. 03-I-080, La. St. Bd. Med. Exam. (July 20, 2004).

In the Matter of
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ORDER FOR REINSTATEMENT
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Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 16th day of May,
2008.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
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BY: Kewli J. Amusa, MD
KEWLI J. AMUSA, M.D.
President