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September 25, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

John C. Simmons, M.D.
303 Bay Street
Suite 403
Gadsden, AL 35901

RE: License No. 169510

Dear Dr. Simmons:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 01-217 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect September 25, 2001.

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension of this license, you are required to deliver to the Board the license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of the Order to Board for Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, Hedley Park Place, Suite 303, 433 River Street, Troy, New York 12180.

Sincerely,

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Heather Crumpton, Esq.
Hand Arendall, L.L.C.
2001 Park Place North
Birmingham, AL 35203

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
JOHN C. SIMMONS, M.D.
CO-00-12-5642-A

CONSENT AGREEMENT
AND ORDER

BPMC No. 01-217

JOHN C. SIMMONS, M.D., states:

That on or about March 11, 1987, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 169510 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 303 Bay Street, Suite 403, Gadsden, Alabama 35901, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with one specification of professional misconduct, based on a disciplinary action having been taken against my license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state.

A copy of the Statement of Charges is annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit A.

In order to avoid the additional expense, burden and risk of an administrative trial to on the merits, I do not contest the one specification, in full satisfaction of the charges against me. I hereby agree to the following penalty:

My license shall be suspended for an indefinite period until I have successfully completed the probation imposed on my license to practice medicine in the State of Alabama, by Stipulation and Consent Order, dated October 25, 2000. One year after the effective date of this order and after compliance with all conditions I

may, in writing, petition the Director, OPMC, for a Modification Order, staying the suspension and permitting me to practice as a physician under whatever limitation(s), term(s) of probation, or further conditions the Director, in his reasonable discretion, may impose.

I further agree that the Consent Order for which I hereby apply shall impose the following conditions:

That, except during periods of actual suspension, I shall maintain current registration of my license with the New York State Education Department Division of Professional Licensing Services, and pay all registration fees. This condition shall be in effect beginning thirty days after the effective date of the Consent Order and will continue while Respondent possesses his license; and

That I shall fully cooperate in every respect with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigation of all matters regarding Respondent. I shall respond in a timely manner to each and every request by OPMC to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order. I shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as directed. I shall respond promptly and provide any and all documents and information within my control upon the direction of OPMC. This condition shall be in effect beginning upon the effective date of the Consent Order and will continue while I possess my license.

I, hereby, stipulate that any failure by me to comply with such conditions shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29).

I agree that in the event I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, this agreement and order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I, hereby, make this application to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (the Board) and request that it be granted.

I understand that, in the event that this application is not granted by the Board, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me, such application shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence during the pendency of the professional misconduct disciplinary proceeding; and such denial by the Board shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree that, in the event the Board grants my application, as set forth herein, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same. I agree that such order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Consent Order to me at the address set forth in this agreement, or to my attorney, or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is earliest.

I am making this application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint of any kind or manner. In consideration of the value to me of the acceptance by the Board of this application, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive any right I may have to contest the Consent Order for which I hereby apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the application be granted.

AFFIRMED

DATED

8/28/01


JOHN C. SIMMONS, M.D.
Respondent

The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent and to the proposed penalty based on the terms and conditions thereof.

DATE: August 24, 2001


HEATHER H. CRUMPTON, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 17 September 2001


ROBERT BOGAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 19 September 2001


DENNIS J. GRAZIANO
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
JOHN C. SIMMONS, M.D.
CO-00-12-5462-A

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

JOHN C. SIMMONS, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on March 11, 1987, by the issuance of license number 169510 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about October 25, 2000, the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama (hereinafter "Alabama Board"), by a Stipulation and Consent Order (hereinafter "Alabama Order"), reprimanded Respondent's license, assessed a \$3,700.00 fine, placed his license on probation for a minimum of two (2) years with terms and conditions, based on intentionally, knowingly or willfully causing false or misleading representations of material facts to be entered in medical records of patients, and answering fraudulently and untruthfully on his Alabama license renewal form.

B. The conduct resulting in the Alabama Board disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York state, pursuant to the following sections of New York state law:

1. New York Education Law §6530(16) (failure to comply with federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations);
2. New York Education Law §6530(20) (moral unfitness);

3. New York Education Law §6530(21) (willingly making or filing a false report);
and/or
4. New York Education Law §6530(32) (failing to maintain accurate patient records).

SPECIFICATION

FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530 (9)(d) by having had disciplinary action taken after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

DATED: *July 20*, 2001
Albany, New York

Peter D. Van Buren
PETER D. VAN BUREN
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
JOHN C. SIMMONS , M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

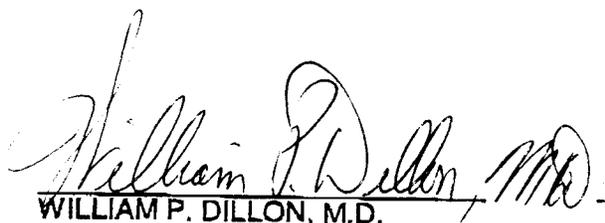
Upon the proposed agreement of **JOHN C. SIMMONS, M.D.** (Respondent) for Consent Order, which application is made a part hereof, it is agreed to and

ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; and it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Consent Order to Respondent at the address set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney by certified mail, or upon transmission via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 9/25/01


WILLIAM P. DILLON, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct