



Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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C. Maynard Guest, M.D.
Executive Secretary

March 31, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Samuel Lassoﬀ, M.D.
920 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10028

RE: License No. 132660
Effective Date: 04/07/95

Dear Dr. Lassoﬀ:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 95-67 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect upon receipt of this letter or seven (7) days after the date of this letter, whichever is earlier.

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.

Board for Professional Medical Conduct
New York State Department of Health
Empire State Plaza
Tower Building-Room 438
Albany, New York 12237-0756

Sincerely,

C. Maynard Guest, M.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Louis M. Freeman, Esq.
Freeman, Nooter & Ginsberg
The Woolworth Building
233 Broadway, Suite 3201
New York, New York 10279

Daniel Guenzburger, Esq.

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
SAMUEL LASSOFF, M.D.

SURRENDER
ORDER
BPMC #95-67

Upon the Application of SAMUEL LASOFF, M.D. (Respondent) to Surrender his/her license as a physician in the State of New York, which application is made a part hereof, it is

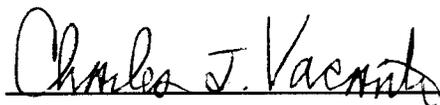
ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; it is further

ORDERED, that the name of Respondent be stricken from the roster of physicians in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall take effect as of the date of the personal service of this order upon Respondent, upon receipt by Respondent of this order via certified mail, or seven days after mailing of this order via certified mail, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 23 March 1995



CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.
Chairperson
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

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

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APPLICATION TO
SURRENDER
LICENSE

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

SAMUEL LASSOFF, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

On or about September 13, 1977 I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 13260 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 920 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028 and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address.

I understand that I have been charged with three specifications of professional misconduct as set forth in the Statement of Charges, annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A".

I am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for permission to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York. I agree that I cannot successfully defend against the allegations in the Statement of charges.

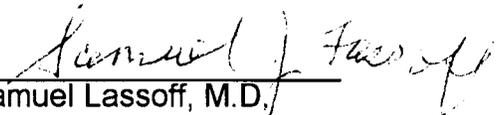
I hereby make this application to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct and request that it be granted.

I understand that, in the event that the application is not granted by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or

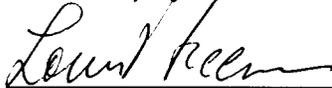
construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me, such application shall not be used against me in any way, and shall be kept in strict confidence during the pendency of the professional misconduct disciplinary proceeding; and such denial by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law

I understand that I may apply for reinstatement of my license as a physician in New York State after one year from the acceptance* I agree that, in the event the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct grants my application, an order shall be issued striking my name from the roster of physicians in the State of New York without further notice to me.

I am making this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion, or restraint of any kind or manner.

X 
Samuel Lassoff, M.D.,
Respondent

Sworn to before me this
8th day of March, 1995


NOTARY PUBLIC

LOUIS KLEIN
Notary Public
State of New York
Commission Expires January 17, 1996

*of this surrender.

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
SAMUEL LASSOFF, M.D.

APPLICATION TO
SURRENDER
LICENSE

The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent to surrender his license.

Date: 3/8/95, 1995

X Samuel Lassoff
Samuel Lassoff, M.D.
Respondent

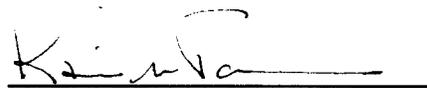
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Lou Freeman
Freeman, Nooter and Ginsberg
Lou Freeman, of Counsel
Attorney for Respondent

Date: 3/14/95, 1995

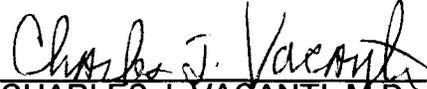
Daniel Guenzburger
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Assistant Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

Date: March 17, 1995



KATHLEEN M. TANNER
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

Date: 23 March, 1995



CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.
Chairperson
State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

"EXHIBIT A"

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

-----X AMENDED
IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT
OF : OF
SAMUEL LASSOFF, M.D. : CHARGES
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SAMUEL LASSOFF, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on September 13, 1977, by the issuance of license number 132660 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. Respondent, a 44 year old neurologist, has an approximately 10 year history of alcohol abuse and dependence. He commenced a period of abstinence from alcohol in December, 1993, but relapsed into alcohol abuse in November, 1994. Since the alcohol relapse, the Respondent was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol on November 5, 1994 and he had a hospital emergency room admission with a primary diagnosis of alcohol abuse at the Metropolitan Hospital, New York, New York on December 20, 1994.

- B. Respondent treated patients at the Kensington Medical Pain and Neurological Rehabilitation Clinic located in Brooklyn, New York, on or about November 2, November 5, November 9, and November 12, 1994 and on or about January 12, January

19, January 21 and January 28, 1995.

- C. In or about July, 1993, the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") commenced a disciplinary proceeding against Respondent based on allegations that Respondent habitually abused alcohol. Respondent voluntarily surrendered his New Jersey medical license pursuant to an Order of the Board dated September 29, 1993. The conduct that resulted in the Board initiating disciplinary action against Respondent, if committed in New York State, would have constituted professional misconduct under N. Y. Educ. Law Section 6530(8) ("Being an habitual abuser of alcohol"). (McKinney Supp. 1995).

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

PRACTICING THE PROFESSION WHILE IMPAIRED

Respondent is charged with practicing the profession while impaired by alcohol under N.Y. Educ. Law Section 6530(7) (McKinney Supp. 1995), in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in paragraphs A and B.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

HABITUAL USE OF ALCOHOL

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law Section 6530(8) (McKinney Supp. 1995), by being an habitual abuser of alcohol, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in Paragraph A.

THIRD SPECIFICATION

OUT-OF-STATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law Section 6530(9)(d) (McKinney Supp. 1995), in that he voluntarily surrendered his license after a disciplinary action was instituted against him 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, specifically:

3. The facts in Paragraph C.

DATED: February 28, 1995
New York, New York


CHRIS STERN HYMAN
Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct