



***New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct***

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October 10, 1996

**CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Leon Siegel, M.D.  
517 Kuck Lane  
P.O. Box 2085  
Petaluma California 94952

RE: License No. 091105

Dear Dr. Siegel:

Effective Date: 10/17/96

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 96-244 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,

Charles Vacanti, M.D.  
Chair  
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Cindy Fascia, Esq.

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

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IN THE MATTER :  
OF : ORDER  
LEON SIEGEL, M.D. : BPMC #96-244  
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Upon the Application of LEON SIEGEL, M.D., to Surrender his 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: 4 October 1996



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

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

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IN THE MATTER : APPLICATION TO  
OF : SURRENDER  
LEON SIEGEL, M.D. : LICENSE

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )

SS.:

COUNTY OF ~~MARIN~~ )

LEON SIEGEL, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

On or about September 11, 1963, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 091105 by the New York State Education Department.

I am not currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice as a physician in the State of New York.

I understand that I have been charged with one specification 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 on the grounds that I do not contest the charges against me, in that the California Board of Medicine took disciplinary action against me, as set forth in the Factual Allegations of Exhibit A. I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct's action is solely based on the action taken against me by the California Board of Medicine, and that no additional conduct has been charged or alleged.

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 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.

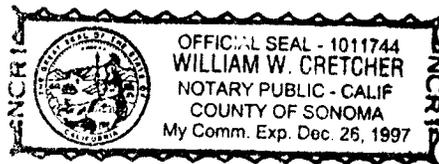
I am making this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion, or restraint of any kind or manner.



LEON SIEGEL, M.D.  
Respondent

Sworn to before me this

28<sup>th</sup> day of ~~March~~, 1996

  
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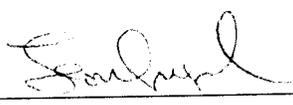
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LEON SIEGEL, M.D. : LICENSE

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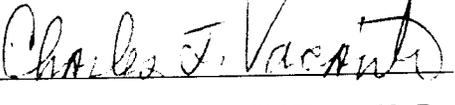
The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent to surrender his license.

Date: Sept. 23, 1996   
LEON SIEGEL, M.D.  
Respondent

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 1996 N.A.  
(Respondent appeared pro se)  
Attorney for Respondent

Date: Sept. 30, 1996   
CINDY M. FASCIA  
Associate Counsel  
Bureau of Professional  
Medical Conduct

Date: October 2, 1996   
ANNE F. SAILE  
ACTING DIRECTOR  
Office of Professional Medical  
Conduct

Date: 4 October, 1996   
CHARLES J. VACANTI, M.D.  
Chairperson, State Board  
for Professional Medical Conduct

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

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IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT  
OF : OF  
LEON SIEGEL, M.D. : CHARGES

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LEON SIEGEL, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on September 11, 1963, by the issuance of license number 091105 by the New York State Education Department. The Respondent is not currently registered with the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

1. The Medical Board of California, on or about July 27, 1995, entered into a Stipulation and Waiver with Respondent. The Board, on or about September 14, 1995, issued a Decision and Order adopting the Stipulation and Waiver. Pursuant to said Stipulation and Waiver, the Board revoked Respondent's medical license, stayed the revocation, and placed Respondent on probation for five years. The terms of probation included a requirement that Respondent successfully complete an ethics course during the first year of probation, that Respondent submit to biological fluid testing for controlled substances during the first two years of probation, and that Respondent have his practice monitored by a psychiatrist approved by the California Board.

EXHIBIT A

2. Respondent, in said Stipulation, waived his right to a hearing on the charges set forth in the Board's Accusation No. D-5374, which was pending against him. In said Accusation, the Board had charged Respondent with unprofessional conduct, including gross negligence in the practice of medicine in violation of California Business and Professions Code §2234(b). Respondent entered into said Stipulation in resolution of the Accusation pending against him.

3. The conduct set forth in the California Board's Accusation consisted of, among other things, Respondent loaning substantial sums of money to one of his psychiatric patients, continuing to loan money to the patient after termination of therapy, and entering into a personal relationship with the patient approximately two months after the termination of therapy, in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 2234.

4. The conduct underlying the disciplinary action which the California Board took against Respondent would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York State, including but not limited to N.Y. Education Law §6530(4) [practicing with gross negligence on a particular occasion].

SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Education Law §6530(9)(d) (McKinney Supp. 1996) by reason of having his license to practice medicine revoked, suspended or having other disciplinary action taken, where the conduct resulting in the revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action involving the license would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York State, in that Petitioner charges the facts in Paragraphs 1 through 4.

DATED: *August 16, 1996*  
Albany, New York



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