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November 13, 1998

**CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Melvin Monroe Sigman, M.D.  
8640 Lookout Mountain Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90046

RE: License No. 086293

Dear Dr. Sigman:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 98-263 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect **November 13, 1998**.

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: Eric Epstein, Esq.  
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2049 Century Park East  
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Los Angeles, California 90067-3290

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

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IN THE MATTER : SURRENDER  
OF : ORDER  
MELVIN MONROE SIGMAN, M.D. : BPMC # 98-263  
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MELVIN MONROE SIGMAN, M.D., says:

On or about January 12, 1962, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 086293 by the New York State Education Department.

I understand that I have been charged with two 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 an agreement to allow me to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York and request that the Board issue this Surrender Order.

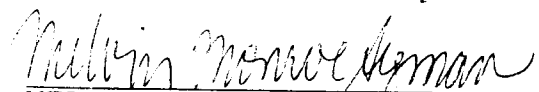
I do not contest the allegations in the two specifications set forth in the Statement of Charges.

I understand that, in the event that this proposed agreement 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 proposed agreement 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 agrees with my proposal, this Order shall be issued striking my name from the roster of physicians in the State of New York without further notice to me. I agree 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 Order to me at the address set forth above, or to my attorney, or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is earliest.

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


  
MELVIN MONROE SIGMAN, M.D.  
Respondent

AGREED TO:

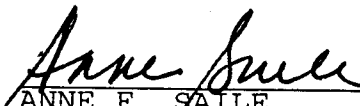
Date: Oct. 27, 1998

  
ERIC EPSTEIN, Esq.  
Attorney for Respondent

Date: Oct 29, 1998

  
KALIMAH J. JENKINS, Esq.  
Assistant Counsel  
Bureau of Professional  
Medical Conduct

Date: October 30, 1998

  
ANNE F. SAILE  
Director, Office of  
Professional Medical Conduct

ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of MELVIN MONROE SIGMAN, M.D., to Surrender his license as a physician in the State of New York, which proposed agreement is made a part hereof, it is AGREED TO and

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

DATED: November 5, 1998

Patrick F. Carone, M.D.

PATRICK F. CARONE, M.D., M.P.H.  
Chair  
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  
MELVIN MONROE SIGMAN, M.D. : CHARGES

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MELVIN MONROE SIGMAN, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on January 12, 1962, by the issuance of license number 086293 by the New York State Education Department. The Respondent is not currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice medicine. Respondent's current address is 1640 N. Kings Road, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of California became the subject of a disciplinary action relating to events occurring in the State of California from approximately December 1989 through approximately June 1993.

2. Pursuant to a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order signed by Respondent on February 24, 1997 and entered into with the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California, Respondent admitted to (1) having been convicted of a crime which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon, and (2) insurance fraud.

3. As a result of those admissions, Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of California was revoked, with the revocation stayed and Respondent was placed on five (5) years probation, the terms of which included community service and practice monitoring.

4. The conduct resulting in the disciplinary action involving Respondent's license would constitute professional misconduct if committed in New York State under Education Law §§ 6530 (2) -- practicing the profession fraudulently, and (9) (a) (iii) -- conviction of an act constituting a crime under the law of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a crime under New York state law.

#### FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under New York Education Law § 6530(9) (a) (iii) in that he has been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under the law of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a crime under New York state law, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in paragraphs 1 through 4 above.


#### SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under New York Education Law § 6530(9) (b) in that he has been found guilty of professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional

disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York State, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in paragraphs 1 through 4 above.

DATED: *October 29*, 1998  
Albany, New York

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