



STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H.  
*Commissioner*

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May 11, 2000

Mr. Robert Bentley, Director  
Division of Professional Licensing Services  
New York State Education Department  
Cultural Education Center  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12230

RE: James Mark Strickland, M.D.  
Resident

Dear Mr. Bentley:

Enclosed is a copy of a Commissioner's Order and Notice of Hearing which summarily suspends Dr. James Mark Strickland's right to practice medicine in the State of New York. This Order was issued on May 10, 2000, and is in effect until further notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Anne Saile'.

Anne F. Saile  
Director  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Daniel Kelleher

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

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IN THE MATTER : COMMISSIONER'S  
OF : ORDER AND  
JAMES MARK STRICKLAND, M.D. : NOTICE OF HEARING

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TO: JAMES MARK STRICKLAND, M.D. JAMES MARK STRICKLAND, M.D.  
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LaMirada, California 90638 Torrance, California 90505  
  
JAMES MARK STRICKLAND, M.D.  
2217 Grove Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia 23220

The undersigned, Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H.,  
Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, after  
an investigation, upon the recommendation of a committee on  
professional medical conduct of the State Board for  
Professional Medical Conduct, and upon the Statement of  
Charges attached hereto and made a part hereof, has determined  
that the continued practice of medicine in the State of New  
York by JAMES MARK STRICKLAND, M.D., Respondent, constitutes  
an imminent danger to the health of the people of this state.

It is therefore:

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law Section  
230(12), that effective immediately, JAMES MARK STRICKLAND,  
M.D., Respondent, shall be limited from the issuance of any  
further license to practice medicine, the practice of medicine  
in any form, and/or from participation in any medical  
residency program in the State of New York. This Order shall  
remain in effect unless modified or vacated by the

Commissioner of Health pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law Section 230(12).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law Section 230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act Sections 301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on the 23rd day of May, 2000 at the Holiday Inn - Carrier Circle, 6501 College Drive, East Syracuse, New York, at 10:00 a.m., and at such other adjourned dates, times and places as the committee may direct. Respondent may file an answer to the Statement of Charges with the below-named attorney for the Department of Health.

At the hearing, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made and the witnesses at the hearing will be sworn and examined. The Respondent shall appear in person at the hearing and may be represented by counsel. The Respondent has the right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf, to issue or have subpoenas issued on his behalf for the production of witnesses and documents and to cross-examine witnesses and examine evidence produced against him. A summary of the Department of Health Hearing Rules is enclosed. Pursuant to Section 301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person.

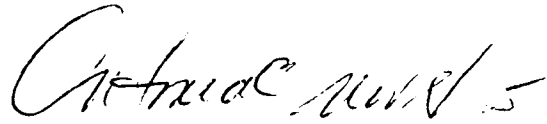
The hearing will proceed whether or not the Respondent appears at the hearing. Scheduled hearing dates are considered dates certain and, therefore, adjournment requests are not routinely granted. Requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the Administrative Law Judge's Office, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, 5th Floor, Troy, New York 12180 (518-402-0751), upon notice to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below, and at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Claims of court engagement will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee shall make findings of fact, conclusions concerning the charges sustained or dismissed, and, in the event any of the charges are sustained, a determination of the penalty or sanction to be imposed or appropriate action to be taken. Such determination may be reviewed by the administrative review board for professional medical conduct.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A  
DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE  
MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR  
SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU BE FINED OR  
SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW  
YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW SECTION 230-a. YOU  
ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO  
REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York

May 10 , 2000



ANTONIA C. NOVELLO, M.D., M.P.H.  
Commissioner

Inquiries should be directed to:

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IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT  
OF : OF  
JAMES MARK STRICKLAND, M.D. : CHARGES

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James Mark Strickland, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State as part of an authorized residency program pursuant to N.Y. Education Law §6526(1) between approximately June 26, 1998 and June 26, 1999, at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital (hereafter Bassett Hospital), Atwell Road, Cooperstown, New York.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

1. Respondent obtained his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in approximately June 1996.
2. In approximately 1996, Respondent abused alcohol and/or drugs, in that he was convicted of D.U.I. in Richmond, Virginia on one occasion, and in the Outer Banks of North Carolina on a second occasion.
3. In approximately July 1996, Respondent was hospitalized in Virginia for alcohol withdrawal.
4. In approximately July 1996, Respondent failed to commence a residency program at the University of Tennessee,

Memphis, that he had been scheduled to begin in the specialty of radiology.

5. In approximately July 1997, Respondent withdrew from a surgical residency program at the University of California after attending for one week.
6. In approximately June 1998, Respondent failed to disclose his history of alcohol abuse or that he was being prescribed medication to treat anxiety when having an employee physical performed at the time he commenced a residency program at Bassett Hospital.
7. Respondent stopped taking his prescribed medication in approximately September 1998, consumed alcohol, and was hospitalized for detoxification at Conifer Park in Scotia, New York for approximately one week.
8. On approximately April 21, 1999, Respondent was granted a medical leave from the residency program at Bassett Hospital.
9. On approximately May 5, 1999, after having been arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, Respondent was admitted to A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital for psychiatric evaluation, and he was transferred to Binghamton State Psychiatric Center where he was hospitalized.
10. On approximately June 26, 1999, Respondent was terminated from the residency program at Bassett Hospital.
11. In approximately August 1999, Respondent went to the Emergency Department at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital when he experienced a panic attack, and he was admitted to North General Hospital for psychiatric care.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

FIRST SPECIFICATION

HABITUAL ABUSE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR ABILITY TO PRACTICE  
MEDICINE IMPAIRED BY PSYCHIATRIC CONDITION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law section 6530(8) by reason of his habitual abuse of alcohol and/or psychiatric condition which impairs his ability to practice in that Petitioner charges the facts in paragraphs 1 and 2, and/or 3, and/or 4, and/or 5, and/or 6, and/or 7, and/or 8, and/or 9, and/or 10 and/or 11.

DATED:

*May 9, 2000*  
Albany, New York

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