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In The Matter of Charges and

ELLIOTT D. SCHMERLER, M.D.,

Respondent.

**Complaint Against** 

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## For Public

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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NO. Case No. 08-9279-1

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### COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee of the Board of Medical Examiners of the state of Nevada, composed of Charles N. Held, M.D., Chairman, Cindy Lamerson, M.D. Member, and Jean Stoess, M.A., Member, by and through Lyn E. Beggs, Deputy General Counsel for the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, having a reasonable basis to believe that Elliott D. Schmerler, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Respondent," has violated the provisions of NRS Chapter 630, hereby issues its formal Complaint, stating the Investigative Committee's charges and allegations, as follows:

- 1. Respondent is currently licensed in active status with conditions to practice medicine in the state of Nevada, and was so licensed by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, hereinafter referred to as "the Board," pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 630 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- 2. Respondent was initially licensed by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners in July 1985.
- Respondent's license was revoked in April 2003 after formal disciplinary action was 3. taken against Respondent.
- 4. In October 2006, Respondent reapplied for a medical license in Nevada. On his application he indicated that he was currently certified by the American Board of Family Medicine, hereinafter referred to as "ABFM," and that his certification was set to expire in July 2007.

- 5. On December 6, 2006, Respondent appeared before the Board at a regularly schedule meeting and was granted a license to practice medicine with two conditions: first, Respondent was not to practice cosmetic or plastic surgery in the state of Nevada; and second, Respondent agreed to maintain his certification with the ABFM.
- 6. In May 2007, Respondent renewed his Nevada medical license and did indicate in his on-line renewal application that he remained certified by the ABFM.
- 7. On September 18, 2007, Terri Ward, compliance officer contacted Respondent requesting proof of his current ABFM certification.
- 8. On October 10, 2007, a response was received from Respondent indicating that he attempted to recertify with the ABFM but had received correspondence indicating that he was ineligible to apply for recertification as the ABFM considered his Nevada license to be restricted due to the two conditions placed on it.
- 9. Shortly after receiving Respondent's reply, correspondence was received from the ABFM dated October 24, 2007, indicating the dates that Respondent had been certified by the ABFM and indicating that Respondent was currently withdrawn from the ABFM and had been so since September 7, 2001.
- 10. Additional correspondence was received from ABFM on November 19, 2007 indicating that Respondent had been notified by certified letter on February 14, 2002, that his Diplomate status was revoked. ABFM included a copy of the certified letter as well as a copy of the return receipt indicating that the certified letter had been received and signed for by someone at the address of Respondent on February 19, 2002.

#### Count I

- 11. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.304(1) provides that the obtaining, maintaining, or renewing or attempting to obtain, maintain or renew a license to practice medicine by bribery, fraud or misrepresentation or by any false, misleading, inaccurate or incomplete statement is grounds for disciplinary action.
- 12. Respondent obtained a license to practice medicine by misrepresentation and by a false, misleading and inaccurate statement when he indicated on his October 2006 application for licensure

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That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners take such other and further action as 5. may be just and proper in these premises.

DATED this day of March, 2008.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Attorney for the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

1	VERIFICATION	
2	STATE OF NEVADA )	
3	COUNTY OF DOUGLAS )	
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5	CHARLES N. HELD, M.D., having been duly sworn, hereby deposes and states under penalty	
6	of perjury that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical	
7	Examiners that authorized the complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing	
8	Complaint; and that based upon information discovered in the course of the investigation into a	
9	complaint against Respondent, he believes that the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint	
10	against Respondent are true, accurate, and correct.	
11	DATED this 20th day of MANCH, 2008.	
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#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008, I served a file copy of the COMPLAINT, NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE & HEARING, PATIENT DESIGNATION, & along with appointment letter, by mailing via USPS certified return receipt mail to the following:

Elliott D. Schmerler, M.D. 8380 E. Windrose Drive Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008.

Angelia Donohoe Legal Assistant