

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

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In The Matter of Charges and)
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Complaint Against)
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JAMES OKOH, M.D.,)
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Respondent.)

Case No. 09-32277-1

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, composed at the time of approval of the filing of the instant complaint, of Charles N. Held, M.D. and Ms. Renee West and Theodore Berndt, M.D., having a reasonable basis to believe that James Okoh, M.D., hereinafter referred to as Dr. Okoh, has violated the provisions of NRS Chapter 630, hereby issues its formal Complaint, stating the Investigative Committee's charges and allegations, as follows:

1. Dr. Okoh is currently licensed in active status, and was so licensed by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, on March 20, 2007 (License No. 12208), pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 630 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, and at all times addressed herein was so licensed.

2. Dr. Okoh was granted a license to practice medicine in the state of Florida on December 6, 2000.

3. The Florida Department of Health filed an administrative complaint against Dr. Okoh on February 17, 2009 alleging that Dr. Okoh had performed a wrong-site procedure in July 2008, when he inserted a chest tube into a patient's right hemithorax when it was needed on the left side.

4. Dr. Okoh entered into a settlement agreement containing multiple terms with the Florida Department of Health on February 27, 2009 in which he admitted to the facts alleged in

1 the administrative complaint. The settlement was approved on April 9, 2009 and went into effect
2 on June 22, 2009. Dr. Okoh timely reported the imposition of discipline to the Board.

3 **Count I**

4 5. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.301(3) provides that any disciplinary action
5 taken by another state is grounds for initiation of disciplinary action against a licensee.

6 6. The disciplinary action taken against Dr. Okoh by the Florida Department of Health
7 constitutes a violation of NRS 630.301(3) and accordingly Dr. Okoh is subject to discipline by the
8 Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised
9 Statutes.

10 **WHEREFORE**, the Investigative Committee prays:

11 1. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners fix a time and place for a
12 formal hearing;

13 2. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners give Dr. Okoh notice of the
14 charges herein against him, and when appropriate, the time and place set for the hearing, and the
15 possible sanctions against him;


16 3. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners determine what sanctions it to
17 impose for the violation or violations committed by Dr. Okoh; and

18 4. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners make, issue and serve on
19 Dr. Okoh its findings of facts, conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions
20 imposed; and

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

23 DATED this 22nd day of December, 2009.

24 THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

25 By: 
26 Lyn E. Beggs, Esq.
27 General Counsel and Attorney for the Investigative Committee
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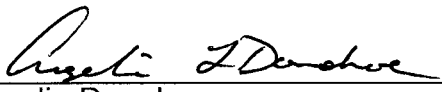
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on 22nd day of December 2009, I served a file copy of the COMPLAINT, Original SETTLEMENT, WAIVER & CONSENT AGREEMENT and FINGERPRINT INFORMATION, by mailing USPS certified mail to the following:

Bruce Lamb, Esq.
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Dated this 22nd day of December 2009.



Angelia Donohoe
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