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

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**In the Matter of Charges and
Complaint Against
TIMOTHY BELL, M.D.,
Respondent.**

Case No. 09-12922-1

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**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, composed of Charles N. Held, M.D., Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., and Jean Stoess, M.A., at the time of the authorization of filing this formal complaint, by and through Edward O. Cousineau, counsel for the Investigative Committee, having a reasonable basis to believe that Timothy Bell, 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 was originally issued a license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada on January 25, 2000. Respondent's licensure status is currently active, and at all times alleged herein, Respondent was licensed by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 630 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

2. On or about March 12, 2009, Respondent received a Letter of Admonition from the Colorado State Board of Medical Examiners, which was based upon a finding that Respondent's care and treatment of a patient in June of 2005, fell below the applicable standard of care. (See Exhibit 1)

3. Section 630.301(3) of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides that any disciplinary action, including without limitation, the revocation, suspension, modification or limitation of the

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1 license to practice any type of medicine by any other jurisdiction is grounds for disciplinary
2 action.

3 4. The disciplinary action related to Respondent's license to practice medicine in the
4 state of Arizona, constitute violations of the provisions of NRS 630.301(3).

5 5. Based upon the forgoing, Respondent has violated Nevada Revised Statutes
6 630.301(3) and is subject to discipline by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as
7 provided in Nevada Revised Statute 630.352.

8 WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays:

9 1. That the Board fix a time and place for a formal hearing;


10 2. That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against him, the time
11 and place set for the hearing, and the possible sanctions against him;

12 3. That the Board determine what sanctions it determines to impose for the violation or
13 violations committed by Respondent; and

14 4. That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of facts,
15 conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed.

16 DATED this 15th day of December, 2009.

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18 INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
19 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

20 By: 
21 Edward O. Cousineau
22 Attorney for the Investigative Committee of the
23 Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
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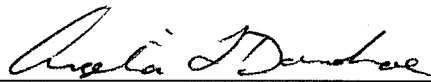
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on 15th 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:

Timothy Bell, M.D.
4241 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90807

Dated this 15th day of December 2009.



Angelia Donohoe
Legal Assistant

Exhibit

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Case No. 2009-000073-A

March 12, 2009

Timothy V. Bell, M.D.
100 Oceangate Boulevard
Suite 775
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Dr. Bell:

Inquiry Panel A ("Panel") of the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners has concluded its inquiry regarding your role in the care and treatment of patient J.L. It was the Panel's decision not to commence with formal proceedings against your license to practice medicine. However, the Panel did vote to administer disciplinary action to you in the form of this letter of admonition.

As you may recall, just after midnight on June 15, 2005, 19-year-old patient J.L., who had undergone a tracheostomy in June 2005, presented at the emergency room complaining of chest pain and difficulty breathing. J.L.'s tracheostomy tube had become displaced and had been re-inserted. To evaluate whether the tube was appropriately replaced, anterior-posterior interior and lateral x-rays were taken and transmitted to you, along with comparison images from October 2004. You read the anterior-posterior interior x-rays only and reported an unchanged status. J.L. was discharged from the hospital. J.L.'s symptoms continued to worsen and he suffered cardiac arrest. J.L. expired after returning to the emergency department by ambulance several hours later.

After a review of all the information in this matter, the Panel found that your care and treatment of patient J.L. fell below the generally accepted standards of practice for a radiologist, constituting a violation of section 12-36-117 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Specifically, you failed to note differences between the October 2004 and June 2005 studies, which warranted further investigation such as review of the lateral film. Although information sent to you clearly stated that the current study consisted of two films, you only reviewed the anterior-posterior image and failed to review the lateral view or to request that it be resent prior to rendering your report.

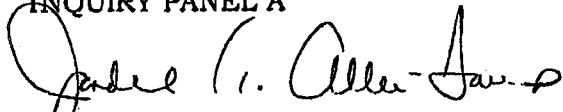
By this letter, the Panel hereby admonishes you and cautions you that complaints disclosing any repetition of such practice may lead to the commencement of formal disciplinary proceedings against your license to practice medicine, wherein this letter of admonition may be entered into evidence as aggravation.

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You are advised that it is your right to have this case reviewed in an administrative proceeding. To do so, you must submit a written request within twenty (20) days after receipt of this letter. In your request, you must clearly ask that formal disciplinary proceedings be initiated against you to adjudicate the propriety of the conduct upon which this letter of admonition is based. If such request is timely made, this letter of admonition will be deemed vacated, and the matter will be processed by means of a formal complaint and hearing. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Medical Practice Act governing the discipline of licensed physicians.

Sincerely,

FOR THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
INQUIRY PANEL A

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jandel T. Allen-Davis".

Jandel T. Allen-Davis, M.D.
Chair

JTAD/mb

cc: Catherine O'Brien Crum, Esq.