BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA **** In the Matter of Charges and) Case No. 12-11216-1) Complaint Against) FILED) EDWARD M. ZIMMERMAN, M.D.,) NOV - 5 2012 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS By: _______

COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), composed at the time of filing of Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., Chairman, Valerie J. Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF, Member and Michael J. Fischer, M.D., Member by and through Erin L. Albright, Esq., Deputy General Counsel and Attorney for the IC, having a reasonable basis to believe that Edward M. Zimmerman, M.D. (Respondent), violated the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 (Medical Practice Act), hereby issues its formal Complaint, stating the IC's charges and allegations as follows:

Respondent is currently licensed in active status (License No. 7721), and has been
 so licensed by the Board since April 4, 1996, pursuant to the provisions of the Medical Practice
 Act.

23 2. At all times alleged herein, Respondent was the director at Las Vegas Laser and
24 Lipo, where he practiced cosmetic surgery. Pursuant to its website, Las Vegas Laser and Lipo
25 specialize in cosmetic surgery, including, but not limited to, injectables and dermal fillers (i.e.
26 Botox).

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3. Upon information and belief, on or about October 21, 2011, Las Vegas Laser and Lipo emailed a mass mailing flyer to target individuals/businesses as part of a mass-marketing campaign advertising the anti-wrinkle product Xeomin. (See a true and correct copy of the email attached hereto as Exhibit 1.)

4. The flyer contained the phrase "Shot by the <u>best</u> in town!!!" <u>Id</u>.

5. The flyer also contained the phrase, "We are offering an introduction (sic) price of **\$400.00** per 50 unit vial (similar to Botox) <u>AND</u> a \$50.00 credit in our office that can be used on any OTHER procedure, product, or treatment! (even that day, just not towards the discounted Xeomin)." <u>Id</u>.

COUNT I

(False, Deceptive or Misleading Advertising)

6. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

7. NRS 630.304(2) provides that advertising the practice of medicine in a false, deceptive or misleading manner is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.

8. NRS 630.306(2)(b) provides that engaging in any conduct that the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.

9. Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 630.190(1)(c) provides that a physician shall
 not advertise the practice of medicine in a manner that claims or implies professional superiority
 of the performance of any professional service in a manner superior to that of other physicians.

10. NAC 630.190(1)(e) provides that a physician shall not advertise the practice of medicine in a manner that includes any false, deceptive or misleading statement in order to induce any person to purchase, utilize or acquire any professional services or to enter into any obligation or transaction relating thereto, and that such actions are grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.

11. NAC 630.190(1)(f) provides that a physician shall not advertise the practice of
 medicine in such a manner that the advertising includes any extravagant claim, aggrandizement of

abilities or self-laudatory statement calculated to attract patients, and which has a tendency to mislead the public or produce unrealistic expectations in particular cases.

12. NAC 630.190(1)(g) provides that a physician shall not advertise the practice of medicine in a false, deceptive or misleading manner in regard to the price, cost, charge, fee or terms of credit or services to be performed.

13. NAC 630.190(2) further provides that for purposes of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) of NAC 630.190(1), any statement or other advertising is sufficiently false if it has the tendency to deceive, mislead or harm the public because of its false, deceptive, misleading or harmful character; or produce unrealistic expectations in particular cases, even though no member of the public is actually deceived, misled or harmed, or no unrealistic expectations are actually produced by the statement or advertising.

14. Respondent's use of the phrase "Shot by the <u>best</u> in town!!!" violates NAC 630.190(1)(c) by claiming or implying the professional superiority of Respondent.

14 15. Respondent's use of the phrase "Shot by the <u>best</u> in town!!!" violates
15 NAC 630.190(1)(e), as it is a false, deceptive or misleading statement used to induce any person
16 to purchase, utilize or acquire Respondent's professional services or to enter into an obligation or
17 transaction relating thereto.

18 16. Respondent's use of the phrase "We are offering an introduction (sic) price of 19 **\$400.00** per 50 unit vial (similar to Botox) <u>AND</u> a \$50.00 credit in our office that can be used on 20 any OTHER procedure, product, or treatment! (even that day, just not towards the discounted 21 Xeomin)" violates NAC 630.190(1)(g), as it is false, deceptive and/or misleading in regard to the 22 cost of the services performed.

23 17. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as
24 provided in NRS 630.352.

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1	 WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays: 1. That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against him and give 	
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4	him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint;	1
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	2. That the Board set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);	I
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8	3. That the Board determine the sanctions it will impose if it finds Respondent violated the Medical Practice Act;	
9	4. That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent, in writing, its findings of	
10	fact, conclusions of law and order, which shall include the sanctions imposed; and	
10	5. That the Board take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these	
12	premises.	
13	DATED this 5^{4} day of November, 2012.	
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15	INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS	
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17	By: <u>Curry Ulik</u> Erin L. Albright, Ésq.	
18	Deputy General Counsel Attorney for the Investigative Committee	
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA): COUNTY OF WASHOE)

SS.

Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Nevada that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the foregoing Complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered during the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, that he believes the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate and correct.

Dated this 5th day of November, 2012.

Aleodire B. Berndt Thomas B. Berndt, M.D.

	1	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING	
	2	I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that	
	3	on 6 th day of November 2012; I served a filed copy of the Complaint & Fingerprint Information	ŀ
	4	via USPS e-certified mail return receipt to the following:	
	5	Edward M. Zimmerman, M.D.	
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(775) 688-2559	8	Dated this 6 th day of November 2012.	
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EXHIBIT 1

