BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In The Matter of Charges and	·)	Case No. 12-9963-1
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Complaint Against)	
EDWIN GARY STARR, M.D.,)	FILED
Respondent.)	MAR 1 5 2012
))	NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
		By:

COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, composed at the time filing of Benjamin Rodriguez, M.D., Chairman, Beverly A. Neyland, M.D., Member, and Donna A. Ruthe, Member, by and through Bradley O. Van Ry, Esq., Deputy General Counsel for the Board, and counsel for the Investigative Committee, having a reasonable basis to believe that Edwin Gary Starr, M.D., hereinafter referred to as Respondent, has violated the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (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 (License No. 5715), and has been so licensed since July 1, 1988 by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 630 of the NRS.
- 2. Patient A was a forty-five (45) year old female at the time of the incidents in question. Her true identity is not disclosed to protect her privacy, but her identity is disclosed in the Patient Designation served on Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.
- 3. Patient A began as a patient with Respondent sometime in 2000. Subsequently, and sometime in 2002, Respondent and Patient A began a long-term sexual relationship while she was a patient of Respondent. This long-term sexual relationship included sexual intercourse.

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4.	Said	relationship between	n Patient A ar	nd Respondent	continued	until on	or about
February 26,	2009.	Upon information ar	nd belief, that v	visit was Patien	t A's last vi	sit to Res	spondent
as a patient.							

5. On or about January 11, 2010, Patient A filed a civil lawsuit against Respondent arising from the long-term sexual relationship alleging numerous civil claims, including malpractice. That lawsuit settled on or about December 29, 2010. Respondent, however, did not inform the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners of either the initiation of the lawsuit and/or the settlement of the lawsuit.

Count I

- 6. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 7. NRS Section 630.301(5) provides that the engaging by a practitioner in any sexual activity with a patient who is currently being treated by the practitioner is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.
- 8. Respondent's long-term sexual relationship with Patient A while she was a patient is a violation of NRS Section 630.301(5).
- 9. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the NRS.

Count II

- 10. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 11. NRS Section 630.301(9) provides that the engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.
- 12. Respondent's long-term sexual relationship with Patient A while she was a patient is a violation of NRS Section 630.301(9).

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13. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the NRS.

Count III

- 14. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 15. NRS Section 630.3068(1)(a) provides that a physician shall report to the Board any action for malpractice against the physician not later than 45 days after the physician receives service of a summons and complaint for the action and that failure to report is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.
- 16. Respondent failed at any time to disclose the civil lawsuit for malpractice to the Board and that is a violation of NRS Section 630.3068(1)(a).
- By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the 17. Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the NRS.

Count IV

- 18. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 19. NRS Section 630.3068(1)(c) provides that a physician shall report to the Board any settlement, award, judgment or other disposition of any action or claim . . . not later than 45 days after the settlement, award, judgment or other disposition and that failure to report is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.
- 20. Respondent failed at any time to disclose the settlement of the civil lawsuit for malpractice to the Board and that is a violation of NRS Section 630.3068(1)(c).
- 21. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the NRS.

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WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays:

- 1. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners give Respondent notice of the charges herein against him and give him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in Section 630.339 of the NRS within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint.
- 2. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant to NRS §630.339(3).
- 3. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners determine what sanctions it determines to impose if it determines there has been a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act (NRS Chapter 630) committed by Respondent.
- 4. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of facts, conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed.
- That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners take such other and further 5. action as may be just and proper in these premises.

DATED this / 5 day of March, 2012.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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Counsel for the Investigative Committee

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)	
COUNTY OF CLARK	:	SS.

Benjamin Rodriguez, M.D., hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Nevada that I am the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the foregoing Complaint against the Respondent herein; that I have read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered during the course of the investigation into the underlying facts of this Complaint, that I believe the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate, and correct.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2012.

BENJAMIN RODRIGUEZ, M.D.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on 15th day of March 2012; I served a filed copy of the Complaint, Patient Designation, tter & Fingerprint information, via USPS e-certified mail to the following:

Edwin Starr, M.D. 1875 Plumas St., #6 Reno, NV 89509

Dated this 15th day of February 2012.

Angelia L. Donohoe Legal Assistant