OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners 1105 Terminal Way #301

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of Charges and) Case No. 15-33456-1
Complaint Against	FILED
LISA M. COHEN, M.D.,	SEP 2 9 2015
Respondent.	NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS By:

COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), by and through Erin L. Albright, Esq., Board General Counsel and attorney for the IC, having a reasonable basis to believe that Lisa M. Cohen, M.D. (Respondent), has violated the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 630 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act), hereby issues its formal Complaint, stating the IC's charges and allegations as follows:

- 1. Respondent is currently licensed in active status (License No. 12977), and has been licensed by the Board since December 12, 2008, pursuant to the provisions of the Medical Practice Act.
- 2. On May 30, 2010, Respondent was arrested by the Chilmark Police Department in Massachusetts for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stay within the marked travel lanes. (See a true and correct copy of the Criminal Docket from the Trial Court of Massachusetts, attached hereto as Exhibit "1.")

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- 3. On June 1, 2010, the State of Massachusetts filed a criminal complaint against Respondent for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stay within the marked travel lanes. <u>Id.</u>
- 4. On June 28, 2010, a judge found sufficient facts to warrant a finding of guilt against Respondent for the negligent operation of a motor vehicle but deferred prosecution of the matter subject to terms and conditions that were to be completed by Respondent. Id. The court placed Respondent on probation to ensure she complied with the terms and conditions of the deferred prosecution.
- 5. On December 30, 2011, after successful completion of the terms and conditions of the deferred prosecution by Respondent, the court terminated Respondent's probation. <u>Id.</u>
- 6. On May 20, 2011, Respondent filed a physician renewal application with the Board.
 - 7. Question 6 of the 2011 physician renewal application states:

Have you been arrested, investigated for, charged with, convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any offense or violation of any federal (including the Uniform Code of Military Justice), state or local law, or the laws of any foreign country, which is a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, felony, violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or synonymous thereto in a foreign jurisdiction, excluding any minor traffic offense (driving or being in control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of a chemical substance, including alcohol, is not considered a minor traffic offense), or for any offense which is related to the manufacture, distribution, prescribing, or dispensing of controlled substances? Please note that you MUST disclose ANY investigation or arrest, including those where the final disposition was dismissal, or expungement.

- 8. Respondent answered Question 6 in the negative. (See a true and correct copy of Respondent's answer to Question 6 on her May 20, 2011 physician renewal application, attached hereto as Exhibit "2.") Respondent should have responded to Question 6 in the affirmative.
- 9. Respondent did not notify the Board in writing of her criminal action in Massachusetts until February 26, 2015. Respondent provided this notification to the Board because the Board of Registration in Medicine for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ordered her to notify the Board. (See a true and correct copy of the Consent Order from the Board of

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Registration in Medicine for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts attached hereto as Exhibit "3.")

Count I

- 10. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 11. NRS 630.304(1) provides that 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 initiating discipline against a licensee.
- 12. Respondent violated NRS 630.304(1) by failing to disclose on her 2011 physician renewal application in Nevada that she was arrested and ultimately charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stay within the marked travel lanes by the state of Massachusetts.
- 13. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

Count II

- All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated as if fully set 14. forth herein.
- 15. NRS 630.306(2)(a) provides that engaging in any conduct which is intended to deceive is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.
- Respondent violated NRS 630.306(2)(a) by failing to disclose on her 2011 16. physician renewal application in Nevada that she was arrested and ultimately charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stay within the marked travel lanes by the state of Massachusetts.
- 17. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

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Count III

- 18. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 19. NRS 630.306(11) provides that failure to report in writing, within 30 days, to the Board any disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.
- 20. Respondent violated NRS 630.306(11) when she failed to notify the Board, in writing, within 30 days of her arrest by the state of Massachusetts for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stay within the marked travel lanes.
- 21. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board of as provided in NRS 630.352.

WHEREFORE, the IC prays:

- That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against her and give 1. him notice that she 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;
- 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);
- 3. That the Board determine what sanctions it agrees upon to impose if it finds and concludes that there has been a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act committed by Respondent; and
- 4. That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of fact conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed; and

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5. That the Board take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these premises.

DATED this 29% day of September, 2015.

THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Erin L. Albright, Esq.,
General Counsel and Attorney for the Investigative Committee

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA) : ss. COUNTY OF WASHOE)

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, he believes the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate, and correct.

Dated this 29^{47} day of September, 2015.

Theodore B. Berndt, M.D.

Reno, Nevada 89502 (775) 688-2559

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I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on 29th day of September 2015; I served a file stamp copy of COMPLAINT w/exhibits and FINGERPRINT INFORMATION via USPS e-certified return receipt mail to the following:

> Lisa M. Cohen, M.D. c/o Thomas E. Peisch Cohn Kavanaugh Rosenthal Peisch & Ford, LLP Ten Post Office Square Boston, MA 02109

Dated this 29th day of September, 2015.

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# **Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners**

Friday, March 20, 2015 Renewal Responses Report



License Number Licensee
12977 Lisa Michele C Lisa Michele COHEN License Type Medical Doctor

Question

If you do not have a medical condition, select No. Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety?

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June 30, 2011, or since your last renewal, please type your explanation in this text box. Please fax a copy of the complaint, civil or otherwise to 775-688-2551. Explanation 5: For the above question if your answer is "Yes" for the time period July 1, 2009 -

2011 Renewal

nanufacture, distribution, prescribing, or dispensing of controlled substances? Please note that you offense (driving or being in control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of a chemical substance, and alcohol, is not considered a minor traffic offense), or for any offense which is related to the he laws of any foreign country, which is a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, felony, violation of the any offense or violation of any federal (including the Uniform Code of Military Justice), state or local law, or lismissal, or expungement. lave you been arrested, investigated for, charged with, convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to Iniform Code of Military Justice, or synonymous thereto in a foreign jurisdiction, excluding any minor traffic

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By Certified Mail

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners P.O. Box 7238 Reno. NV 89510

> Lisa M. Cohen, M.D. # 12977 Active RE:

Dear Sir Madam:

We represent your licensee, Lisa M. Cohen, M.D.

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Enclosed is a copy of a Consent Order entered into between Dr. Cohen and the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine that was approved on February 19, 2015. We are sending you a copy in compliance with the notice requirements of the Order and in compliance with notice requirements that may exist in your state.

Please note that the Consent Order does not relate to any issues of quality of care or to any patient or outcome.

Please contact me or my colleague, Anthony V. Bova, with any questions about this.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours

Thomas E. Peisch

TEP/agp Enclosure

ee: Anthony V. Bova II, Esq. (w/o encl.)

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# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2015-008

In the Matter of	)
LISA M. COHEN, M.D.	)
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# **CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 10, Lisa M. Cohen, M.D. (Respondent) and the Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) (hereinafter referred to jointly as the "Parties") agree that the Board may issue this Consent Order to resolve the above-captioned adjudicatory proceeding. The Parties further agree that this Consent Order will have all the force and effect of a Final Decision within the meaning of 801 CMR 1.01(11)(d). The Respondent admits to the findings of fact specified below and agrees that the Board may make the conclusions of law and impose the sanction set forth below in resolution of investigative Docket No. 14-219.

### Findings of Fact

1. The Respondent was born on April 12, 1963. She graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1989. She is certified by the American Board of Dermatology and Dermatopathology. She has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 80079 since 1994. She is also licensed to practice medicine in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New

York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia.

- On May 30, 2010, the Respondent was arrested by the Chilmark Police
   Department for a motor vehicle-related offense.
- 3. On June 28, 2010, a judge in the Edgartown District Court (Court) found sufficient facts to warrant a finding of guilt but continued the matter without making such a finding.
- 4. The Court placed the Respondent on probation, which was ultimately terminated without incident on December 30, 2011.
- 5. On March 9, 2011, the Respondent filed a Physician Renewal Application (2011 Renewal Application) with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine (Massachusetts Board).
  - 6. Question 17 of the 2011 Renewal Application states:

# 17) Criminal Charges

- a) Have you been charged with any criminal offense during this period?
- b) Have any criminal offenses/charges against you been resolved during this time period?
- c) Are there any criminal charges pending against you today?
- d) Are any Applications for Issuance of Process pending against you?
- 7. The Respondent should have responded to Question 17 a) and b) in the affirmative. Instead, she responded in the negative.

### Conclusion of Law

A. The Respondent has violated 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)16 by failing to furnish the Board, its investigators or representatives, information to which the Board is legally entitled.

### Sanction and Order

The Respondent's license is hereby admonished.

## Execution of this Consent Order

The Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Consent Order with all exhibits and attachments within ten (10) days by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery to the following designated entities: any in- or out-of-state hospital, nursing home, clinic, other licensed facility, or municipal, state, or federal facility at which the Respondent practices medicine; any in- or out-of-state health maintenance organization with whom the Respondent has privileges or any other kind of association; any state agency, in- or out-of-state, with which the Respondent has a provider contract; any in- or out-of-state medical employer, whether or not the Respondent practices medicine there; the state licensing boards of all states in which the Respondent has any kind of license to practice medicine; the Drug Enforcement Administration Boston Diversion Group; and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Drug Control Program. The Respondent shall also provide this notification to any such designated entities with which the Respondent becomes associated in the year following the date of imposition of this admonishment. The Respondent is further directed to certify to the Board within ten (10) days that the Respondent has complied with this directive.

The Board expressly reserves the authority to independently notify, at any time, any of the entities designated above, or any other affected entity, of any action it has taken. Lisa M. Cohen, M.D.
Licensee

Thomas E. Peisch, Esq.
Attorney for the Licensee

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John Costello
Complaint Counsel

So ORDERED by the Board of Registration in Medicine this 19thday of  $\underline{\text{February}}$ , 20_15.

Kathleen Sullivan Meyer Board Vice Chair

5. Federation Profile Report





**PRACTITIONER PROFILE** 

Prepared for:

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

As of Date:7/17/2015

PRACTITIONER INFORMATION

Name:

Lisa Michelle Cohen

Alternate Name(s):

Lisa Michele Cohen

DOB:

4/12/1963

Medical School:

University of Vermont College of Medicine Burlington, Vermont, UNITED STATES

Year of Grad:

1989

Degree Type:

MD

NPI:

1083676431

**BOARD ACTIONS** 

Reporting Entity:

Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine

Date of Order:

2/19/2015

Form of Order:

Consent Order/Agreement

Action(s):

**ADMONISHED** 

Basis:

Failure to Disclose Required Information

LICENSE HISTORY





	PRA	ACTITIONER PRO	FILE			
Prepared for:		Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners				
Practitioner Name: Jurisdiction	Lisa <b>License Number</b>	Michelle Cohen Issue Date	Expiration Date	Last Updated		
ALASKA	MED T 5084	2/27/2009	8/27/2009	5/27/2015		
ALASKA	MED S 6570	4/22/2009	12/31/2016	5/27/2015		
ARIZONA	37501	8/29/2007	8/12/2015	6/25/2015		
CALIFORNIA	G-88258	5/2/2008	4/30/2012	6/25/2015		
COLORADO	DR-32703	7/15/1993	4/30/2017	7/ <b>1</b> 5/2015		
CONNECTICUT	43608	7/5/2005	4/30/2016	6/24/2015		
DELAWARE	C1-0011089	8/21/2014	3/31/2017	6/22/2015		
FLORIDA	ME89735	2/25/2004	1/31/2016	7/14/2015		
GEORGIA	62959	7/10/2009	4/30/2017	6/16/2015		
ILLINOIS	036120350	3/18/2008	7/31/2017	6/24/2015		
INDIANA	01067999A	3/29/2010	10/31/2015	7/6/2015		
KENTUCKY	27553	10/1/1990	2/29/2016	6/24/2015		
MAINE	MD17727	3/5/2008	4/30/2017	7/17/2015		
MARYLAND	D67167	2/29/2008	9/30/2016	7/17/2015		
MASSACHUSETTS	80079	7/27/1994	4/12/2017	6/23/2015		
NEBRASKA	28109	8/14/2014	10/1/2016	7/8/2015		
NEVADA	12977	12/12/2008	6/30/2017	7/14/2015		
NEW HAMPSHIRE	12782	7/6/2005	6/30/2015	6/24/2015		
NEW JERSEY	25MA08412400	5/29/2008	6/30/2015	6/16/2015		
NEW YORK	246805	11/16/2007	3/31/2017	7/16/2015		
OHIO	35092531	10/8/2008	4/1/2017	6/15/2015		
OKLAHOMA	26817	3/6/2009	3/1/2016	7/10/2015		
PENNSYLVANIA	MD433469	1/22/2008	12/31/2016	7/8/2015		
RHODE ISLAND	MD12620	4/22/2008	6/30/2016	6/30/2015		
SOUTH CAROLINA	31386	1/30/2009	6/30/2017	7/6/2015		
SOUTH DAKOTA	7161	1/29/2008	3/1/2013	9/11/2014		
TENNESSEE	44840	5/27/2009	4/30/2017	6/11/2015		
TEXAS	N7998	10/29/2010	11/30/2016	7/1/2015		
/EG1/G1/E	042-0011610	7/2/2008	11/30/2016	7/13/2015		
/ERMONT						





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As of Date:7/17/2015

Practitioner Name:

**ABMS® CERTIFICATION HISTORY** 

Lisa Michelle Cohen

Certifying Board:

American Board of Dermatology

Certificate:

Dermatology

Certification Type:

General

Certification Status:

Certified

Meeting MOC Requirements:

Yes

Status	Duration	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Reverification Date	Occurrence	Last Reported
Active	Time Limited	08/08/2010	12/31/2023		Recertification	6/25/2015
Expired	Time Limited	07/14/2001	12/31/2013		Recertification	6/25/2015
Expired	Time Limited	10/11/1993	12/31/2003		Initial	6/25/2015

Certifying Board:

American Board of Dermatology

Certificate:

Dermatopathology

Certification Type:

Subspecialty

Certification Status:

Certified

Meeting MOC Requirements:

Not Required

Status Duration

Effective Date Expiration Date

Reverification Occurrence

Last Reported

Active

Lifetime

10/20/1995

Date

Initial

6/25/2015

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