

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

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4 **In the Matter of Charges and**  
5 **Complaint Against**  
6 **JOHN WOOD GRINSELL, M.D.,**  
7 **Respondent.**

Case No. 18-27627-1

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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9 **COMPLAINT**

10 The Investigative Committee<sup>1</sup> (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board)  
11 hereby issues this formal Complaint (Complaint) against John Wood Grinsell, M.D. (Respondent), a  
12 physician licensed in Nevada. After investigating this matter, the IC has a reasonable basis to  
13 believe that Respondent has violated provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and  
14 Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 630 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act). The IC  
15 alleges the following facts:

16 1. Respondent was licensed (License No. 10449) in Nevada by the Board on April 9,  
17 2003 and has had an "inactive" license status since September 30, 2016.

18 2. On September 15, 2016, the Board received a notification, pursuant to  
19 NRS 630.307, from the Renown Regional Medical Center (RRMC), stating that Dr. John Grinsell  
20 provided care to patients while under the influence of alcohol on September 12, 2016.

21 3. Previously, on September 12, 2016, at the direction of RRMC, Respondent  
22 performed BAC tests at 9:55 a.m. and 10:10 a.m., and the results returned with BACs of 0.240 and  
23 0.236, respectively.

24 4. On September 13, 2016, the Board was informed by the Nevada Professionals  
25 Assistance Program (NPAP) that Dr. Grinsell had cancelled his participation within the NPAP  
26 program.

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28 <sup>1</sup> The Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), at the time this formal  
complaint was authorized for filing, was composed of Board members Rachakonda D. Prabhu, M.D., Chairman, Ms.  
Sandy Peltyn and Victor M. Muro, M.D.

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**Count I**

**(Standards of Practice Violation)**

**NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2)/NAC 630.230(1)(c)**

5. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

6. NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) provides that engaging in any conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board constitutes grounds for initiating disciplinary action.

7. NAC 630.230(1)(c) provides that a person licensed as a physician shall not render professional services to a patient while the physician is under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance or is in any impaired mental or physical condition.

8. Respondent violated the standards of professional conduct when he rendered professional services to patients of RRMC while under the influence of alcohol on September 12, 2016, thereby violating NAC 630.230(1)(c) which is a regulation established by the Board.

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

**Count II**

**(Prohibited Professional Conduct)**

**NRS 630.306(1)(p)/NAC 630.230(1)(c)**

10. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

11. NRS 630.306(1)(p) provides that engaging in any act that is unsafe or unprofessional conduct in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.

12. NAC 630.230(1)(c) provides that a person licensed as a physician shall not render professional services to a patient while the physician is under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance or is in any impaired mental or physical condition.

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1           21. Respondent behaved disruptively with other physicians, hospital personnel,  
2 patients, and other persons, which behavior interfered with the care of his own patients and that of  
3 others, and adversely impacted the quality of care rendered to his own patients and that of others.

4           22. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as  
5 provided in NRS 630.352.

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

7           1. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners give Respondent notice of the  
8 charges herein against him and give him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein  
9 as set forth in NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint;

10          2. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners set a time and place for a  
11 formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);

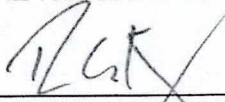
12          3. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners determine what sanctions to  
13 impose if it determines there has been a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act  
14 committed by Respondent;

15          4. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners make, issue and serve on  
16 Respondent its findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the  
17 sanctions imposed; and

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

20          DATED this 30 day of July, 2018.

21                                   INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF  
22                                   THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

23                                   By:   
24                                   Robert Kilroy, Esq., General Counsel  
25                                   Attorney for the Investigative Committee  
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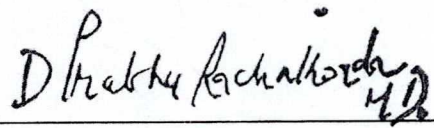
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA            )  
  : ss.  
COUNTY OF CLARK         )

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

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

  
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Rachakonda D. Prabhu, M.D.  
Chairman Investigative Committee  
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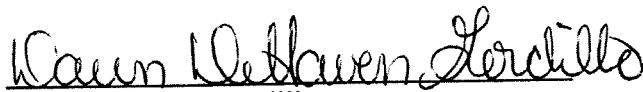
**Respondent.**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018, I served a file copy of the COMPLAINT and Fingerprint Information via e-certified delivery to the following:

John Wood Grinsell, M.D.  
895 Gordon Avenue  
Reno, NV 89509

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.

  
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Legal Assistant

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