

AGENDA ITEM 4



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VIA EMAIL

Edward Cousineau, Esq.
Executive Director
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
9600 Gateway Drive
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Re: *Janet Sullivan, M.D.*
Request for SPEX Sponsorship

Dear Mr. Cousineau:

As you are aware, this firm represents Dr. Janet Sullivan, a prospective applicant for Nevada licensure. As we explained in previous correspondence, and on our last telephone call, Dr. Sullivan desires to sit for the SPEX examination to ensure she will meet application criteria with the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners ("NBME"). However, she does not currently hold an active, unrestricted medical license in any state, as required for self-nomination to take the exam. Dr. Sullivan will therefore require board sponsorship to take SPEX.

By way of background, from 2008 until 2011, Dr. Sullivan practiced as a general outpatient pediatrician in Columbia, Missouri. In the midst of a turbulent divorce, Dr. Sullivan voluntarily surrendered my medical license and moved to Nevada. At this point we do not think it is necessary to go into the details of the basis for Dr. Sullivan's surrender of her license. Although she understands she will need to answer any and all questions related to her surrender of her Ohio license and provide all documentation if she eventually permitted to apply for a Nevada license.


After teaching in the Clark County School District after her move to Nevada, Dr. Sullivan eventually obtained a position teaching in pediatrics at Touro University Nevada ("Touro") in June of 2017. While Dr. Sullivan intends to continue teaching and serving the community, Dr. Sullivan must eventually have an active medical license in order to supervise students in clinical rotations. She realizes that even if she passes SPEX, she will need a re-entry plan should she be granted some sort of Nevada license after she applies. However, the first step is in being able to apply for a Nevada license, and for that she must start with SPEX.

On Dr. Sullivan's behalf, we respectfully request that the NBME agree to sponsor her to sit for the SPEX examination as soon as possible. To that end, we request this matter be included on the agenda for the upcoming Board meeting on June 5, 2020.

Should you need more information for such consideration we would be happy to provide. Please advise as soon as possible when and if this request is accepted so we may inform Dr. Sullivan. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Bridget Kelly, Esq. at 702.307.4880.

Sincerely,

NUTILE LAW

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Nutile".

Maria Nutile, Esq.

cc: Janet Sullivan, M.D.
Bridget Kelly, Esq.