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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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FREDERICK COVILLE, M.D.	:	CONSENT ORDER
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TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners In July 1992 upon the application of Robert J. Del Tufo, then Attorney General of New Jersey, Brenda Talbot Lewis, Deputy Attorney General, appearing, seeking temporary suspension of

the privileges of respondent to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey. The Attorney General filed a verified complaint seeking suspension or revocation of respondent's license. Respondent, who was represented by Kern, Augustine, Conroy & Schoppmann, agreed to the entry of an Interim Order of Limitations filed on September 11, 1992. Respondent subsequently entered into a Consent Order filed in May 1993 in which his license was suspended for four years, the first three years to be stayed with restrictions. These restrictions included the requirement that respondent practice medicine only pursuant to a bona fide employment relationship, that he not perform any cosmetic procedures, and that he conduct all examinations or treatments of female patients in the presence of a chaperon. Respondent could practice during the fourth year of suspension only in an approved residency program for plastic and reconstructive surgery.

The matter was reopened before the Board in April/May 1996 when the Board determined that respondent had examined and treated female patients without chaperons, and by Order of May 8, 1994, respondent's suspension was activated for a period of six months, following which respondent resumed practice pursuant to the limitations embodied in the 1993 Order, including the absolute bar on cosmetic surgery.

The matter was reopened once more before the Board in May/June 1996 when respondent requested permission to enter a residency program in internal medicine rather than in cosmetic surgery. The

Attorney General sought instead to preclude his enrollment into any approved residency program for the fourth year of suspension and to impose in its place an active one year period of suspension commencing on June 30, 1996, asserting that he had violated the terms of the original Consent Order by performing cosmetic surgery in the office of another physician. On October 30, 1996, a Consent Order was entered in which respondent agreed to an active suspension until June 30, 1997, agreed to the addition of two years to his period of probation, agreed to pay costs and a penalty, and agreed to take and successfully complete an ethics course. He also agreed to appear before the Preliminary Evaluation Committee of the Board prior to being permitted to resume active practice.

Respondent appeared before the Committee in June 1997, and in October 1997 was offered the opportunity to enter into a Consent Order in which he would be permitted to resume practice. He would be able to practice only in the employment of another physician and only with chaperons, and could not practice cosmetic surgery. Soon after the offer was made respondent took a position in a plastic surgery fellowship at a clinic in the British Virgin Islands, although he had been told in advance that this fellowship would not satisfy the Board's requirement that he take a residency in cosmetic surgery before being allowed to practice in that specialty.

In August 1999 respondent again requested that the Board accept the fellowship in the Virgin Islands in satisfaction of the

requirement that he take a one-year residency in cosmetic surgery. The Board carefully reviewed and considered the information submitted pertaining to the fellowship and denied respondent's request. Respondent therefore requested that he be allowed to enter into a Consent Order embodying the terms offered to him in 1997. The Board has determined that the entry of such an Order would be adequately protective of the public health and welfare, and that good cause exists for the entry of such a Consent Order.

IT IS THEREFORE on this 28th day of August, 2000,

ORDERED that respondent Frederick Coville shall be permitted to practice medicine with the following restrictions;

1. Respondent shall practice only pursuant to a bona fide employment relationship in the office of a licensed physician;

2. Respondent shall be permitted to perform no cosmetic surgery procedures, although he may perform such simple office surgery as suturing wounds, burn care, care of chronic diabetic ulcers, wart removal, removal of lesions, and ligation of hemorrhoids;

3. Respondent shall examine and treat female patients only in the presence of a chaperon;

4. Respondent must make his employer(s) aware of this consent Order, and shall arrange to have said employer(s) submit a report to the Board every three months confirming his continuing status as an employee and confirming that he is being effectively chaperoned;

5. Respondent must notify any hospital where he has privileges of this Consent Order and its terms; and

6. Respondent shall pay to the Board the balance of the money which he owes within six months.

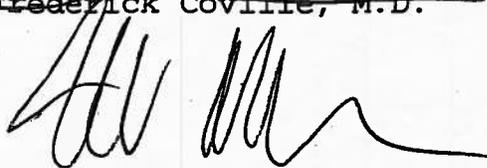
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By: _____
Gregory J. Rokosz, D.O., J.D.
President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.



Frederick Coville, M.D.

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