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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
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GEORGE STEPHEN LAKNER : ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
LICENSE NO. MA 41726 :
 : ORDER GRANTING
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY : UNRESTRICTED LICENSE
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was most recently opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of a petition from George Stephen Lakner, M.D. ("Respondent") seeking an unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey. By way of a Final Order of Discipline entered on January 12, 2006, Respondent's license was suspended until such time that he could show that his sister state license in Nevada was reinstated without restriction and he was granted a license to practice medicine in California. In addition, prior to Respondent resuming active practice in New Jersey, he

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was required to appear before the Board to demonstrate fitness to resume the practice of medicine.

Respondent appeared before a Committee of the Board on September 28, 2011 in support of his petition for the reinstatement of his license. Following that appearance the Board requested additional information regarding the date, nature and scope of any military discipline which ensued while Respondent was on active duty in the United States Army, and proof of Respondent's clinical skill and competency.

Respondent then provided proof that he was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves until April 1, 2006 when he was honorably retired. A letter from the Department of the Army states that at the time of Respondent's retirement "he was in good standing with his clinical practice credentials as a 60W (Psychiatrist) and a 60C (Preventative Medicine Officer)."

Respondent also submitted proof of his clinical skill and competency. Specifically, Respondent underwent a Board-approved competency assessment conducted by Jeffrey Berman, M.D., FASAM. This assessment included a comprehensive skills assessment, psychological evaluation, and chart review. Dr. Berman found "no issue with either Dr. Lakner's clinical skills or his base of knowledge to practice and teach psychiatry. I believe that he has the requisite knowledge and experience to make a positive contribution to the practice of psychiatry in the State of New

Jersey." In addition, Respondent provided proof that his license in Nevada was reinstated without restrictions, he is in current litigation with the State of California regarding their denial of his license application, and that he is current with his Continuing Medical Education credits.

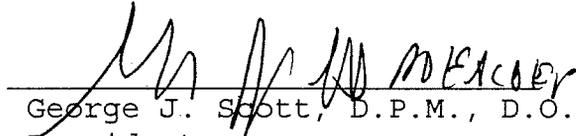
The Board being satisfied that good cause presently exists to reinstate Respondent's license and that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare,

IT IS ON THIS 9 DAY OF October, 2013

ORDERED THAT:

1. George Stephen Lakner, M.D. is hereby granted an unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: 
George J. Scott, D.P.M., D.O.
President