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Consent Order
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Examining Board

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action
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EDWARD RASKIN, LAc : CONSENT ORDER
LICENSE NO. 25MZ00023600 : OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
: :
TO PRACTICE ACUPUNCTURE :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was initially opened to the New Jersey Acupuncture Examining Board ("Board") upon receipt of information that on December 30, 2017, Edward Raskin, LAc, ("Respondent") was charged with a violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2(c)(1) (Sexual Assault by Force or Coercion) and N.J.S.A. 2C:14-(b) (Criminal Sexual Contact) for allegedly sexually assaulting a patient during an acupuncture treatment session. On or about March 23, 2018, Respondent agreed to voluntarily surrender his license, to be deemed a temporary

suspension, pending disposition of the criminal matter and further Order of the Board.

On or about February 3, 2020, Respondent was found guilty of a violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2(c)(1) (Sexual Assault by Force or Coercion) and N.J.S.A. 2C:14-(b) (Criminal Sexual Contact). Respondent, through his legal counsel, Juan C. Fernandez, Esq., has advised the Board that he is in the process of appealing his criminal conviction.

Respondent's conviction demonstrates that Respondent engaged in professional misconduct, and/or acts constituting a crime or offense involving moral turpitude and relating adversely to the practice of acupuncture, and would thus form a basis for disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (f).

The parties, desiring to resolve this matter without a need for a formal disciplinary proceeding, and it appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily surrender his license, to be deemed a permanent revocation; and that the Respondent hereby waives any right to a hearing in this matter; and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 24th day of September, 2020

ORDERED AND AGREED THAT,

1. Respondent's license to practice acupuncture in New Jersey is hereby voluntarily surrendered. Such surrender shall be deemed a permanent revocation, with no right to reapply for licensure unless Respondent expressly meets the requirements of ¶2.

2. Respondent may only petition for reinstatement of his license to practice acupuncture in New Jersey if he is able to demonstrate that he has secured judicial relief in his appeal of his criminal matter, resulting in an overturn of the criminal conviction.

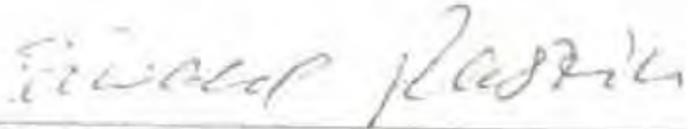
3. In the event Respondent is granted leave to petition for reinstatement of his New Jersey license to practice acupuncture, pursuant to the requirements of ¶2 above, Respondent shall be required to appear before the Board to establish that he is safe and fit to practice acupuncture in New Jersey. Any determination regarding whether to reinstate Respondent's license to practice acupuncture shall be in the sole discretion of the Board. Should reinstatement of Respondent's license be granted, the Board expressly reserves the right to impose any and all conditions or limitations in any reinstatement.

NEW JERSEY ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINING BOARD

By:


Henry McCann, DAOM, LAc
Board Chair

I have read and I understand
this Consent Order and agree to be
bound by its terms. I further
hereby consent to the entry of
this Consent Order.


Edward Raskin, LAc

Consent to form of Order and to the entry
of this Order by the Board.


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