BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS

IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

In the Matter of	**Case No. 3948**
PAUL BALIKIAN, D.O.	**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION**
Holder of License No. **0755** For the Practice of Osteopathic Medicine In the State of Arizona.	

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") and Paul Balikian, D.O., ("Respondent") the parties agree to the following interim disposition of this matter.

1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Interim Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that he understands he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

2. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Interim Consent Agreement.

3. This Interim Consent Agreement will not become effective until approved by the Board and signed by the Executive Director.

4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for interim disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and

Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

5. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke acceptance of the Interim Consent Agreement. Any modifications to this Interim Consent Agreement are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.

6. This Interim Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank and on the Board's website.

7. If any part of the Interim Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

PAUL BALIKIAN, D.O.

Dated: 01-29-09

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 0755 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board participated in an investigation beginning in or about September, 2007, during which it was alleged that Respondent had maintained an association with an illegal practitioner, engaged in unethical conduct, provided inappropriate direction or supervision to staff, fell below the standard of care by failure to take appropriate action and committed gross or repeated negligence.

4 Based upon representations of Respondent during the investigation, Board staff believed that Respondent had stopped practicing. It recently came to the attention of staff that Respondent recently resumed practice at the same location.

5. On January 22, 2009, Board staff received information that Respondent had been served with an indictment on January 21, 2009, alleging several felony counts including conspiracy, assisting a criminal syndicate, fraudulent schemes and artifices, theft, money laundering and illegally conducting an enterprise.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

2. Based on the information in the Board's possession, the Board concludes that there is evidence that if Respondent were to practice medicine in Arizona there would be a danger to the public health, safety and/or welfare.

3. The Board may enter into a stipulated order to enforce its statutory obligations. A.R.S. § 32-1803(A)(1) and (2).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent shall not practice medicine and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including prescription medications, until Respondent applies to the Board and receives permission to do so.

2. Respondent shall comply with all laws, including statutes and regulations relating to patient records and transfer of patient care.

3. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 29th day of January, 2009.

(SEAL)

ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

By: Elaine LeTarte
Elaine LeTarte
Executive Director

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 29th day of January, 2009 with:

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