

1 BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
2 IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

3 In the Matter of

4 **ALIF SARAH, M.D.**

5 Holder of License No. 26419  
6 For the Practice of Medicine  
7 In the State of Arizona.

Board Case No. MD-99-0621

**FINDINGS OF FACT,  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW  
AND ORDER**

(Letter of Reprimand)

8 On February 7, 2002, Alif Sarah, M.D., ("Respondent") appeared before a Review  
9 Committee ("Review Committee") of the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners ("Board")  
10 with legal counsel Charles Buri, for a formal interview pursuant to the authority vested in  
11 the Review Committee by A.R.S. § 32-1451(Q). The matter was referred to the Board for  
12 consideration at its public meeting on May 1, 2002. After due consideration of the facts  
13 and law applicable to this matter, the Board voted to issue the following findings of fact,  
14 conclusions of law and order.  
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16 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

19 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 26419 for the practice of medicine  
20 in the State of Arizona.

21 3. The Board initiated case number MD-99-0621 after receiving a certified  
22 copy of documents from the Tucson City Court indicating that Respondent had been  
23 convicted of soliciting a prostitute, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. *In the*  
24 *Matter of Koch*, 181 Ariz. 352, 890 P.2d 1137 (1995).

25 4. At the formal interview Respondent testified that he knew what he did was a  
mistake and that this incident was his first problem with law enforcement. Respondent

1 indicated he was embarrassed by what had happened and knows that it will never  
2 happen again. Respondent stated that what had occurred was unrelated to his practice  
3 of medicine.

4 5. While Respondent's conduct was not directly related to the practice of  
5 medicine, the conduct relates to the level of ethics and the manner in which physicians  
6 licensed in Arizona are expected to act on an overall basis.

7 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8 1. The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Arizona possesses  
9 jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

10 2. The Board has received substantial evidence supporting the Findings of  
11 Fact described above and said findings constitute unprofessional conduct or other  
12 grounds for the Board to take disciplinary action.

13 3. The conduct and circumstances above in paragraph 3 constitutes  
14 unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § § 32-1401(25)(d) "[c]ommitting a felony,  
15 whether or not involving moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In  
16 either case, conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction or a plea of no contest is  
17 conclusive evidence of the commission."

18 **ORDER**

19 Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, IT IS  
20 HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand for committing a  
21 misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

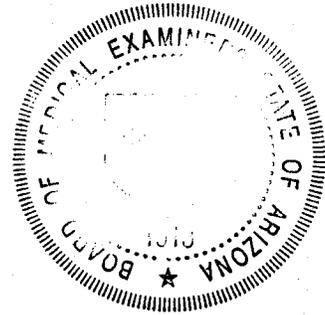
22 **RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REHEARING OR REVIEW**

23 Respondent is hereby notified that he has the right to petition for a rehearing or  
24 review. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.09, as amended, the petition for rehearing or  
25 review must be filed with the Board's Executive Director within thirty days after service of

1 this Order and pursuant to A.A.C. R4-16-102, it must set forth legally sufficient reasons  
2 for granting a rehearing or review. Service of this order is effective five days after date of  
3 mailing. If a motion for rehearing or review is not filed, the Board's Order becomes  
4 effective thirty-five days after it is mailed to Respondent.

5 Respondent is further notified that the filing of a motion for rehearing or review is  
6 required to preserve any rights of appeal to the Superior Court.

7 DATED this 2nd day of May, 2002.



8 BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
9 OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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11 By Claudia Foutz  
12 CLAUDIA FOUTZ  
13 Executive Director

14 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this  
15 3rd day of MAY, 2002 with:

16 The Arizona Board of Medical Examiners  
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19 Executed copy of the foregoing  
20 mailed by U.S. Certified Mail this  
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