BEFORE THE COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

CRAIG DAMIEN BUTLER
License No. 18209 (Suspended)
Respondent.

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Docket No. 20030045

VOLUNTARY CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Respondent, Craig Damien Butler, the undersigned, is not licensed to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia nor is he otherwise exempt from licensure requirements, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended. Potential violations of O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43 and O.C.G.A. Ch. 1, T. 10, having been called to Respondent's attention, Respondent hereby agrees to voluntarily cease and desist from engaging in any conduct that would require a license under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, until such time as Respondent may become properly licensed by the Board or is otherwise exempted from state licensure requirements.

Respondent understands that he has a right to a hearing in this matter, and hereby freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives such right. He also understands that should he apply for a license with the Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board"), the Board shall have access to this Order and to the entire investigative file in this matter.

This Order shall become effective immediately upon approval thereof by the Board, and docketing by the Board, and shall remain in effect until such time as the Respondent receives proper authorization to engage in the practice of medicine from the Board, or until further order. Respondent understands that this document will be considered to be a public record entered as the final disposition of any proceedings presently pending or which could be brought against him, and that this action shall be considered to be and may be recorded as a final order of the Board.

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Any violation of this Order shall subject the Respondent to a fine not to exceed $1000.00 for each transaction constituting a violation thereof, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-34-46.

This 9th day of February, 2001.

COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY: EDDIE R. CHEEKS, M.D.
    President

ATTEST: KAREN MASON
        Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: CRAIG DAMIEN BUTLER
               Respondent

AS TO SIGNATURE OF CRAIG DAMIEN BUTLER
Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 8th day of January, 2002.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires:
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IN THE MATTER OF :

CRAIG D. BUTLER, M.D.,
License No. 018209,
Respondent.

* DOCKET NO. 96-459

FINAL DECISION

An INITIAL DECISION (decision) of Special Assistant Administrative Law Judge Wayne B. Mangum was filed in the above matter on January 14, 1997. The Respondent filed an Application for Review of the decision on January 22, 1997. Pursuant to this Application, a hearing was scheduled before the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners (the Board) on March 6, 1997. This hearing was subsequently rescheduled for April 2, 1997, at 1:30 P.M.

The parties hereto were given notice of the hearing and the hearing was conducted. As a consequence of the hearing the Board finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Findings of Fact found by the Special Assistant Administrative Law Judge in the Initial Decision are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Conclusions of Law reached by the Special Assistant Administrative Law Judge in the Initial Decision are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

ORDER

The Board hereby modifies the sanctions imposed by the Special Assistant Administrative Law Judge as follows:
(1) the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia shall be suspended indefinitely;
(2) the Respondent must surrender his DEA license immediately and said license shall remain surrendered indefinitely;
(3) the Respondent shall enter and complete a Board-approved three-year residency;
(4) the Respondent must enter and complete a Board-approved course on medical ethics; and,
(5) the Respondent shall pay a fine of $5,000.00.

Upon completion of the three-year residency, the Respondent may apply for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia. However, if the Respondent does not successfully complete the three-year residency within four years of the date of this order and otherwise fully comply with these conditions, then the Respondent's license shall stand permanently revoked.

It Is So Ordered this 23rd day of June, 1997.

COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS
STATE OF GEORGIA
Runette Flowers, M.D.
President

WILLIAM G. MILLER, JR.
JOINT SECRETARY
STATE EXAMINING BOARDS