

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND)	
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION)	
of the State of Illinois,)	Complainant,
v.)	
STEVEN R. BEST, M.D.,)	
License No. 036-086358,)	Respondent.

No. 2013-08584

CONSENT ORDER

The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation, of the State of Illinois, by Vladimir Lozovski, one of its attorneys, (hereinafter "Department") and Steven R. Best, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent"), by Glenn L. Udell and Bryan King both of Brown, Udell, Pomerantz & Delrahim, Ltd. ("BUPD"), his attorneys, hereby agree to the following:

STIPULATIONS

Steven R. Best, M.D. is licensed as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of Illinois, holding License No. 036-086358. Said license is Active status. At all times material to the matter(s) set forth in this Consent Order, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation, of the State of Illinois had jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties herein.

Information has come to the attention of the Department alleging that Respondent violated patient's confidentiality by disclosing information in front of the family member. The allegation(s) as set forth herein, if proven to be true, could constitute grounds for suspending, revoking or other discipline of Respondent's Physician and Surgeon license on the authority 225 Illinois Compiled Statutes, 225 ILCS 60/22(A)(30).

As a result of these allegations, the Department held an Informal Conference on November 16, 2016. Dr. Joseph Szokol and Dr. Karen O'Mara appeared on behalf of the Medical Disciplinary Board and Laura E. Forester, Chief of Medical Prosecutions, and Vladimir Lozovski, Staff Attorney, appeared on behalf of the Department. Respondent appeared in person along with his attorney, Jennifer Hansen. During the Informal Conference, Respondent provided information regarding his past and present clinical practice and plans for the future. Moreover, Respondent provided information regarding his care and treatment of the patient-in-question. Subsequently, Respondent retained Glenn L. Udell and Bryan King of BUPD as his new attorneys and while this matter was set for July 25-27, 2017 Formal Hearing, the Department and Respondent engaged in negotiations for an amicable resolution of this pending matter.

For purposes of this Consent Order, Respondent neither admits nor denies the Department's allegations but, in an effort to avoid the expense and time associated with protracted litigation, Respondent acknowledges that should this matter proceed to a contested hearing, the Illinois Medical Disciplinary Board (the "Board") could find a violation of the Illinois Medical Practice Act. The Department and Respondent stipulate that the above acknowledgement is made only for the limited purposes of this Consent Order as to the finding of the alleged violation of the Illinois Medical Practice Act. In the event that this Consent Order is not approved by the Board or is not approved by the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("Director"), this acknowledgement shall not be admissible in any proceeding and the matter will be set for an evidentiary hearing on the merits as if this Consent Order had not been submitted. In addition, upon approval of this Consent Order, neither this acknowledgement nor this Consent Order may be utilized in any other proceeding, except one to enforce this Agreement. Furthermore,

Respondent consents to electronic service of the approved Consent Order in lieu of service by certified mail. Service shall be made upon Respondent's attorney email address.

Respondent has been advised of the right to a hearing, the right to contest any charges brought, and the right to administrative review of this Consent Order. Respondent knowingly waives each of these rights, as well as the right to administrative review of this Consent Order. Such waiver ceases if this Consent Order is rejected by either the Medical Disciplinary Board or the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Respondent and the Department have agreed, in order to resolve this matter, that Respondent, Steven R. Best, M.D., be permitted to enter into a Consent Order with the Department, providing for the imposition of disciplinary measures which are fair and equitable under the circumstances and which are consistent with the best interests of the people of the State of Illinois.

CONDITIONS

WHEREFORE, the Department, through Vladimir Lozovskiy, its attorney, and Steven R. Best, M.D., Respondent, through Bryan King, his attorney, agree:


- A. Illinois Physician and Surgeon License of Steven R. Best, License No. 036-086358, is hereby Reprimanded;
- B. Respondent shall be fined in the amount of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand) dollars. Respondent shall pay the aforementioned Fine within twelve (12) months from the final approval of this Order. Respondent shall submit a check payable to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Said check shall be mailed to Illinois Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation, Attention: CMU/Accounts Receivable - Fine Payments, 320 W. Washington St., 3rd Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62786;

C. Respondent shall take and pass all 5 topic areas Ethics and Boundaries Post-Licensure ("EBAS") Essay Examination within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Consent Order. Information regarding how to take and pass EBAS Essay Examination is available at www.ebas.org.


D. If Respondent fails to pay the aforementioned fine and/or fails to take and pass all 5 topic areas of EBAS Essay Examination within 12 months of the effective date of this Consent Order, the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation may issue an Order forthwith mandating the automatic, immediate, indefinite suspension of Respondent's Illinois Physician License 036-086358 for a minimum of twelve (12) months. This indefinite suspension shall not preclude the Department from taking any other disciplinary or other actions it deems appropriate. In the event Respondent contests in writing (by the filing of an appropriate petition with the Department) the factual basis underlying said indefinite suspension within thirty (30) days of the imposition thereof, then Respondent shall be afforded a hearing on the merits within thirty (30) days from filing of said petition;

E. This Consent Order shall become effective immediately after it is approved by the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and all remaining issues in this matter shall be deemed dismissed with prejudice.

July 6, 2017
DATE


Vladimir Lozovskiy, Attorney for the Department

6 July 2017
DATE


Steven R. Best, M.D., Respondent

7/6/2017
DATE

[REDACTED]
Bryan King, Attorney for Respondent

7/19/17
DATE

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Member, Medical Disciplinary Board

The foregoing Consent Order is approved in full.

DATED THIS 31 day of July, 2017.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of
the State of Illinois, Bryan A. Schneider, Secretary
Division of Professional Regulations**

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Jessica Baer
DIRECTOR

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