

BEFORE THE  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation  
Against:

Mark William Ramus, M.D.

Case No. 800-2021-082692

Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. A 73453

Respondent.

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on May 28, 2024.

IT IS SO ORDERED May 20, 2024.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



Reji Varghese  
Executive Director

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2036 Railroad Ave.  
14 Redding, CA 96001

**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF  
LICENSE AND ORDER**

15 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A**  
73453

16 Respondent.  
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19 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
20 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

21 **PARTIES**

22 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of  
23 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this  
24 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Ryan J. Yates, Deputy  
25 Attorney General.

26 2. Mark William Ramus, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by  
27 attorney Steven M. McKinley, whose address is: 2150 River Plaza Drive, Suite 250  
28 Sacramento, CA 95833,

3. On or about November 9, 2000, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 73453 to Mark William Ramus, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2021-082692. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate expired on February 29, 2024, and is currently in delinquent status.

## JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2021-082692 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on January 25, 2024. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2021-082692 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2021-082692. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.

6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

## CULPABILITY

8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2021-082692, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.

10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

## CONTINGENCY

11. Business and Professions Code section 2224, subdivision (b), provides, in pertinent part, that the Medical Board “shall delegate to its executive director the authority to adopt a ... stipulation for surrender of a license.”

12. Respondent understands that, by signing this stipulation, he enables the Executive Director of the Board to issue an order, on behalf of the Board, accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 73453 without further notice to, or opportunity to be heard by, Respondent.

13. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Director on behalf of the Board. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be submitted to the Executive Director for his consideration in the above-entitled matter and, further, that the Executive Director shall have a reasonable period of time in which to consider and act on this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order after receiving it. By signing this stipulation, Respondent fully understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind this stipulation prior to the time the Executive Director, on behalf of the Medical Board, considers and acts upon it.

14. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be null and void and not binding upon the parties unless approved and adopted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, except for this paragraph, which shall remain in full force and effect. Respondent fully understands and agrees that in deciding whether or not to

1 approve and adopt this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, the Executive  
2 Director and/or the Board may receive oral and written communications from its staff and/or the  
3 Attorney General's Office. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall not disqualify the  
4 Executive Director, the Board, any member thereof, and/or any other person from future  
5 participation in this or any other matter affecting or involving respondent. In the event that the  
6 Executive Director on behalf of the Board does not, in his discretion, approve and adopt this  
7 Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, with the exception of this paragraph, it  
8 shall not become effective, shall be of no evidentiary value whatsoever, and shall not be relied  
9 upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto. Respondent further agrees  
10 that should this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order be rejected for any reason  
11 by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, Respondent will assert no claim that the  
12 Executive Director, the Board, or any member thereof, was prejudiced by its/his/her review,  
13 discussion and/or consideration of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order or  
14 of any matter or matters related hereto.

#### 15 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

16 15. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties  
17 herein to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of  
18 the agreements of the parties in the above-entitled matter.

19 16. The parties agree that copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary  
20 Order, including copies of the signatures of the parties, may be used in lieu of original documents  
21 and signatures and, further, that such copies shall have the same force and effect as originals.

22 17. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree the  
23 Executive Director of the Board may, without further notice to or opportunity to be heard by  
24 Respondent, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order on behalf of the Board:

#### 25 ORDER

26 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 73453, issued  
27 to Respondent Mark William Ramus, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.  
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1           1.    The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the  
2 acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline  
3 against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part  
4 of Respondent's license history with the Board.

5           2.    Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a physician and surgeon in  
6 California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

7           3.    Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was  
8 issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

9           4.    If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in  
10 the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must  
11 comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or  
12 surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations  
13 contained in Accusation No. 800-2021-082692 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted  
14 by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

15          5.    Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the  
16 amount of \$19,075.75, prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

17          6.    If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or  
18 petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of  
19 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 800-2021-082692 shall  
20 be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of  
21 Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Steven M. McKinley. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

DATED:

*Mark William Ramus*  
4-26-24

*Mark William Ramus*  
MARK WILLIAM RAMUS, M.D.  
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Mark William Ramus, M.D. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: May 8, 2024

*Steven M. McKinley*  
STEVEN M. MCKINLEY  
Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED:

5/8/24

Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2021-082692**



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**ACCUSATION**

17 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
**No. A 73453,**

18 Respondent.

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21 **PARTIES**

22 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as  
23 Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (Board).

24 2. On or about November 9, 2000, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
25 Certificate No. A 73453 to Mark William Ramus, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and  
26 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
27 herein and will expire on February 29, 2024, unless renewed.

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3. On or about May 12, 2023, Respondent stipulated to an Interim Order of Suspension (Stipulated ISO), in which he agreed to a voluntary suspension of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. 73453 and a prohibition of the practice of medicine, pending the outcome of the instant matter, No. 800-2021-082692. On or about July 14, 2023, the Stipulated ISO was adopted into a Decision and Order by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), and is in full force and effect.

## JURISDICTION

4. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

5. Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems proper.

6. Section 2228.1 of the Code provides:

“(a) On and after July 1, 2019, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (c), the board...shall require a licensee to provide a separate disclosure that includes the licensee's probation status, the length of the probation, the probation end date, all practice restrictions placed on the licensee by the board, the board's telephone number, and an explanation of how the patient can find further information on the licensee's probation on the licensee's profile page on the board's online license information internet website, to a patient or the patient's guardian or health care surrogate before the patient's first visit following the probationary order while the licensee is on probation pursuant to a probationary order made on and after July 1, 2019, in any of the following circumstances:

“(1) A final adjudication by the board following an administrative hearing or admitted findings or prima facie showing in a stipulated settlement establishing any of the following:

“ . . .

“(B) Drug or alcohol abuse directly resulting in harm to patients or the extent that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice safely.

“(C) Criminal conviction directly involving harm to patient health.

“ . . .

“(2) An accusation or statement of issues alleged that the licensee committed any of the acts described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of paragraph (1), and

1 a stipulated settlement based upon a nolo contendere or other similar compromise that  
2 does not include any prima facie showing or admission of guilt or fact but does  
3 include an express acknowledgment that the disclosure requirements of this section  
4 would serve to protect the public interest.

5 “(b) A licensee required to provide a disclosure pursuant to subdivision (a) shall  
6 obtain from the patient, or the patient's guardian or health care surrogate, a separate,  
7 signed copy of that disclosure.

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9 “(d) On and after July 1, 2019, the board shall provide the following  
10 information, with respect to licensees on probation and licensees practicing under  
11 probationary licenses, in plain view on the licensee's profile page on the board's  
12 online license information internet website.

13 “(1) For probation imposed pursuant to a stipulated settlement, the causes  
14 alleged in the operative accusation along with a designation identifying those causes  
15 by which the licensee has expressly admitted guilt and a statement that acceptance of  
16 the settlement is not an admission of guilt.

17 “(2) For probation imposed by an adjudicated decision of the board, the causes  
18 for probation stated in the final probationary order.

19 “(3) For a licensee granted a probationary license, the causes by which the  
20 probationary license was imposed.

21 “(4) The length of the probation and end date.

22 “(5) All practice restrictions placed on the license by the board.

23 “(e) Section 2314 shall not apply to this section.”

24 7. Section 2234 of the Code, states:

25 “The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with  
26 unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional  
27 conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

28 “(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or  
abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.

“(b) Gross negligence.

“(c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more  
negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a  
separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute  
repeated negligent acts.

“(1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically  
appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single  
negligent act.

“(2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or  
omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but

not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.

“... ”

8. Section 2236 of the Code states in pertinent part:

“(a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.”

9. Section 2238 of the Code states in pertinent part:

“A violation of any federal statute or federal regulation or any of the statutes or regulations of this state regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances constitutes unprofessional conduct.”

10. Section 2239 of the Code states in pertinent part:

“(a) The use or prescribing for or administering to himself or herself, of any controlled substance; or the use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4022, or of alcoholic beverages, to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely or more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this section, or any combination thereof, constitutes unprofessional conduct. The record of the conviction is conclusive evidence of such unprofessional conduct.”

11. Section 822 of the Code states:

“If a licensing agency determines that its licentiate's ability to practice his or her profession safely is impaired because the licentiate is mentally ill, or physically ill affecting competency, the licensing agency may take action by any one of the following methods:

“(a) Revoking the licentiate's certificate or license.

“(b) Suspending the licentiate's right to practice.

“(c) Placing the licentiate on probation.

“(d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency in its discretion deems proper.

“The licensing section shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or license until it has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the condition which caused its action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the public health and safety the person's right to practice his or her profession may be safely reinstated.”

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1 **COST RECOVERY**

2 12. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the  
3 administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of  
4 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and  
5 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being  
6 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be  
7 included in a stipulated settlement.

8 **FIRST CAUSE FOR ACTION**

9 **(Mental Illness and/or Physical Illness Affecting Competency)**

10 13. Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 73453 is subject to action  
11 under section 822, of the Code, in that his ability to practice medicine safely is impaired because  
12 he is mentally or physically ill, affecting competency, as more particularly alleged hereinafter.

13 14. On or about June 18, 2022, Respondent was arrested by the California Highway  
14 Patrol (CHP) for Vehicle Code (VC) section 231(g) (Driving under the influence of combined  
15 alcohol and drugs); Health and Safety Code section 11350(a) (Possession of narcotics/controlled  
16 substances); and Health and Safety Codes section 11377(a) (Possession of a controlled  
17 substance). The circumstances are as follows:

18 15. On or about June 18, 2022, at approximately 2:45 a.m., Respondent's vehicle was  
19 observed by CHP officers swerving and speeding, which caused the CHP to pull the vehicle over.  
20 The CHP officer approached Respondent in the vehicle's driver's seat. Respondent was unable to  
21 provide his driver's license after it was requested, but provided a passport, which identified him.  
22 During the interaction, the officer was able to detect the smell of alcohol and Respondent's  
23 speech was slurred. The officers administered a series of sobriety tests, during which Respondent  
24 displayed signs of intoxication. Officers additionally observed a white powdery substance in  
25 and/or around Respondent's nose, which they believed was cocaine.

26 16. Respondent was escorted to the backseat of the CHP vehicle and two breathalyzer  
27 tests were performed, which indicated a .07% blood alcohol content (BAC). The CHP officers  
28 conducted a search of Respondent's vehicle and found what was believed to be a small bag

1 containing cocaine, a bag containing two pills and three paper tabs of lysergic acid diethylamide  
2 (LSD), two pills of Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA, ecstasy), three large nitrous  
3 oxide tanks (with numerous balloons scattered about the vehicle), a jar of marijuana, and an open  
4 container of alcohol. The officers arrested Respondent and transported him to the Shasta County  
5 Jail, where he was booked on the aforementioned charges.

6 17. On or about September 19, 2022, at approximately 5:00 p.m., the Orland Police  
7 Department was dispatched to a parking lot, where Respondent was observed in the passenger  
8 seat of a vehicle. Officers asked Respondent for his name and he replied that his last name was  
9 "Sumar" (Ramus spelled backwards). Officers subsequently confirmed Respondent's identity.

10 18. The officers searched Respondent and the vehicle and found seven large containers of  
11 nitrous oxide gas and several balloons. Respondent and his companion were arrested for being in  
12 possession of nitrous oxide for the purpose of inhaling nitrous oxide. Officers asked Respondent  
13 why he provided a false name. Respondent replied that he was "Still Fueling," or words to that  
14 effect, then refused to speak further. Respondent was booked into the Glenn County Jail for  
15 381(b) PC (Possessing or using nitrous oxide).

16 19. On or about December 26, 2022, through on or about January 16, 2023, Respondent  
17 checked into a drug and alcohol treatment center in Rancho Mirage, California, (Treatment  
18 Center) for in-patient drug treatment. Between on or about January 16, 2023, through on or about  
19 February 10, 2023, Respondent transferred to the Treatment Center's day treatment and sober  
20 living housing. Following Respondent's release from day treatment and sober living housing,  
21 Treatment Center staff recommended Respondent perform the following tasks to maintain  
22 sobriety: Maintain abstinence from all mood-altering substances; Attend at least three Twelve  
23 Step meetings weekly; Find a sponsor or temporary sponsor within two weeks of discharge;  
24 Establish a routine of daily recovery practices, including prayer, meditation, personal inventory,  
25 wellness and balance; Participate in online health portal; Maintain regular medical and dental  
26 care; Utilize the Treatment Center Alumni resources for opportunities for reunions, events and  
27 retreats; and Explore the recovery opportunities at a care facility. Treatment Center staff further  
28 recommended that Respondent enlist a medical monitoring service for his medical license.

20. On or about July 24, 2023, Respondent appeared in the Superior Court of California, County of Shasta, to address the criminal complaint against Respondent (*The people of the State of California v. Mark William Ramus*, Case No. 23CT5048). Respondent pled guilty / Nolo Contendere to Count No. 1, violation of Vehicle Code, section 23152 (A) (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, a Misdemeanor). Respondent was placed on conditional revocable community release for thirty-six (36) months, with the following relevant terms and conditions:

- a. Serve five (5) days in jail;
- b. Complete custody hours of community service;
- c. Attend and complete 3 month alcohol treatment program;
- d. Comply with any license restriction, suspension, or revocation imposed by DMV.
- e. Pay fine of \$2,201;
- f. Pay restitution of \$150.
- g. Pay Court Operations Assessment of \$40;
- h. Pay Misdemeanor conviction fee of \$30;
- i. Pay alcohol education penalty of \$50;
- j. Drive only if licensed and insured; and
- k. Attend and complete Victim Impact Panel<sup>1</sup> (VIP). Do not have alcohol in system during VIP sessions.

## SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

**(Violation of Drug Statutes)**

21. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action under section 2238, of the Code, in that he violated a state law or laws regulating dangerous drug and/or controlled substances, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 11 through 19, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

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<sup>1</sup> A victim impact panel (VIP) is a meeting where a person convicted of a DUI is ordered to listen to DUI victims speak about how a drunk driving event has affected their lives, or the lives of their loved ones. The panelist victims discuss a DUI incident with the hopes of educating the offender and deterring future intoxicated driving.

1 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Use of Alcoholic Beverages to the Extent, or in Such a Manner, as to be Dangerous or**  
3 **Injurious to Herself, Another Person, or the Public)**

4 22. Respondent's license is further subject to disciplinary action under section 2239, of  
5 the Code, in that he has used alcoholic beverages to the extent, or in such a manner, as to be  
6 dangerous or injurious to himself, another person, or the public, as more particularly alleged in  
7 paragraphs 11 through 20, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth  
8 herein.

9 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

10 **(Self-Use of a Controlled Substance and/or Dangerous Drug)**

11 23. Respondent's license is further subject to disciplinary action under section 2239, of  
12 the Code, in that he has self-used controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs, as more  
13 particularly alleged in paragraphs 11 through 21, above, which are hereby incorporated by  
14 reference as if fully set forth herein.

15 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 **(Conviction of a Crime)**

17 24. Respondent's license is further subject to disciplinary action under section 2236, of  
18 the Code, in that he was convicted of a misdemeanor, substantially related to the qualifications,  
19 functions or duties of a physician and surgeon but not arising from or occurring during patient  
20 care, treatment, management or billing, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 11 through 22,  
21 above, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

22 **SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

23 **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

24 25. Respondent's license is further subject to disciplinary action under section 2234, of  
25 the Code, in that he engaged in conduct which breaches the rules or ethical code of the medical  
26 profession, or conduct which is unbecoming a member in good standing of the medical  
27 profession, and which demonstrate an unfitness to practice medicine, as more particularly alleged  
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1 in paragraphs 11 through 23, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set  
2 forth herein..

3 PRAYER

4 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
5 and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

6 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 73453, issued  
7 to Respondent Mark William Ramus, M.D.;

8 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Mark William Ramus,  
9 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

10 3. Ordering Respondent Mark William Ramus, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the  
11 investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation  
12 monitoring;

13 4. Ordering Respondent Mark William Ramus, M.D., if placed on probation, to provide  
14 patient notification in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 2228.1;

15 5. Taking action as authorized by section 822 of the Code as the Board, in its discretion,  
16 deems necessary and proper; and

17 6. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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19 DATED: JAN 25 2024

JENNA JONES FOR  
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