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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF  
THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE OF

THOMAS D. JOHNSON, M.D.,

Applicant

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ORDER DENYING PETITION

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On June 12, 1992, Thomas D. Johnson, M.D., (Dr. Johnson) filed his application for a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin. Because Dr. Johnson indicated on his application that he had received inpatient or outpatient care for mental illness, he was asked to appear for oral examination in connection with his application. Dr. Johnson appeared before the Medical Examining Board (board) at its meeting of August 19, 1992, and the board considered his application both on that date and again at its meeting of September 24, 1992.

The board and Dr. Johnson thereafter entered into a Stipulation by which the board agreed to issue, and Dr. Johnson agreed to accept, a limited license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin imposing certain terms and conditions. Included among these were that Dr. Johnson practice medicine and surgery only under the supervision of Robert F. Purtell, M.D.

By letter dated May 13, 1993, Dr. Johnson petitioned the board to amend the terms of his limited license to permit him to expand his practice so as to include practice outside the supervision of Dr. Purtell. The board considered the petition at its meeting of May 27, 1993.

Based upon the petition and all other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition of Thomas D. Johnson, M.D., to permit him to expand his practice so as to include practice outside the supervision of Robert F. Purtell, M.D., be, and hereby is, denied.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the license of Thomas D. Johnson, M.D., is hereby renewed for a period of six months. Dr. Johnson shall appear at the end of six months in support of renewal of the license.

DISCUSSION

The reports from Drs. Purtell and Van Schaik, Dr. Johnson's practice supervisor and psychotherapist, respectively, both indicate progress by Dr. Johnson in managing his practice of medicine. Dr. Purtell's recommendation is that Dr. Johnson "would not require constant daily supervision by myself or another physician, but could function in an atmosphere where he has ready access to another physician for consultation when requested." That recommendation is not inconsistent with the board's November 23, 1992, Order, which merely requires that "Dr. Johnson shall practice medicine and surgery only under the supervision of Robert F. Purtell, M.D." That Order thus provides Dr. Purtell with some latitude in determining the degree of supervision which is appropriate. It does not, however, permit Dr. Johnson's practice to be unsupervised, and the board feels that some longer period of successful supervised practice is necessary before permitting Dr. Johnson to practice independently.

Dated this 8 day of June, 1993.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by 

Clark O. Olsen, M.D.  
Secretary