

**BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR**

**BETH LORI LIEBOWITZ, M.D., RESPONDENT**

**FILE No. 02-2009-509**

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**ORDER VACATING CONSENT AGREEMENT**

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Date: April 19, 2012.

1. On July 2, 2009, Respondent submitted an application for a permanent Iowa medical license.
2. The Board received information which indicates that on May 22, 2001, Respondent performed a laparoscopic vaginal hysterectomy that allegedly resulted in a lacerated bladder.
3. October 7, 2009, Respondent voluntarily entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board. Under the terms of the Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily agreed not to perform laparoscopic hysterectomies under her Iowa medical license.
4. On June 30, 2011, at the request of Respondent, the Board issued an Order terminating the Consent Agreement.
5. Recently, Respondent requested that the Board vacate the Consent Agreement.

6. After further consideration, the Board concluded that a single professional liability suit alleging a surgical complication following a laparoscopic vaginal hysterectomy was an insufficient basis for the voluntary restriction placed on Respondent's Iowa medical license and the Board voted to vacate the October 7, 2009, Consent Agreement.

**THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:** that the Consent Agreement that Respondent voluntarily entered into with the Board on October 7, 2009, is **VACATED**.



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Siroos Shirazi, M.D., Chairman  
Iowa Board of Medicine  
400 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite C  
Des Moines, IA 50309-4686

April 19, 2012  
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR**

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**TERMINATION ORDER**

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Date: June 30, 2011.

1. On July 2, 2009, Respondent submitted an application for a permanent Iowa medical license.
2. The Board received information which indicates that on May 22, 2001, Respondent performed a laparoscopic vaginal hysterectomy that allegedly resulted in a lacerated bladder.
3. On October 5, 2009, the Board granted Respondent Iowa permanent medical license no. 38674, subject to a Consent Agreement dated October 7, 2009.
4. Under the terms of the Consent Agreement, Respondent agreed not to perform laparoscopic hysterectomies under her Iowa medical license.
5. Recently, Respondent requested that the Board remove the restriction preventing her from performing laparoscopic hysterectomies under her Iowa medical license.

6. Recently, the Board voted to terminate the restriction placed on Respondent's Iowa medical license.

**THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:** that the restriction placed on Respondent's Iowa medical license is terminated and Respondent's Iowa medical license is returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.



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Siroos Shirazi, M.D., Chairman  
Iowa Board of Medicine  
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June 30, 2011  
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**BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR**

**BETH LORI LIEBOWITZ, M.D., APPLICANT**

**FILE No. 02-2009-509**

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

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**COMES NOW** the Iowa Board of Medicine (Board) and Beth Lori Liebowitz, M.D. (Applicant) on October 7, 2009, and hereby enter into this Consent Agreement for the issuance of a permanent Iowa medical license under the following conditions:

1. Applicant is hereby granted Iowa permanent license no. 38674 to practice medicine and surgery in Iowa.
2. Applicant submitted an application for a permanent Iowa medical license on July 2, 2009.
3. On May 22, 2001, applicant performed a laparoscopic vaginal hysterectomy on a patient that allegedly resulted in a lacerated bladder.
4. **LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY:** Applicant agrees that she shall not perform laparoscopic hysterectomies under her Iowa medical license.

5. Applicant shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa.

6. In the event Respondent violates or fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this Order, the Board may initiate action to suspend or revoke Respondent's Iowa medical license or to impose other license discipline as authorized in Iowa Code chapters 148 and 272 and 653 IAC 25.

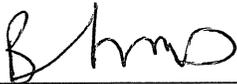
7. This Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case proceeding.

8. This Order is voluntarily submitted by Respondent to the Board for consideration.

9. By entering into this Order, Respondent voluntarily waives any rights to a contested case hearing on the allegations contained in the Consent Agreement and waives any objections to the terms of this Order.

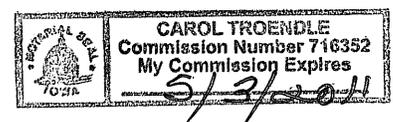
10. This Order is subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Settlement Agreement and Final Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

11. The Boards approval of this Order shall constitute a **Final Order** of the Board.



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Beth Lori Liebowitz, M.D., Applicant

Subscribed and sworn to before me on October 1, 2009.



This Consent Agreement is approved by the Board on October 7, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Siroos Shirazi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Siroos Shirazi, M.D., Chairman  
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