



## Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 17, 2002

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Legislative Counsel Bureau  
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Dear Mr. Malkiewich:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of SB 420 from the last session of the Legislature, the following is a report of disciplinary actions taken against licensees of the board for the calendar quarter July 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002:

- 1) Thomas J. Brumfield, M.D. - On April 5, 1991, in case no. 3202, the board entered an order restricting Dr. Brumfield from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances without authority by express written order of the board. Dr. Brumfield petitioned the board for removal of that restriction on his license. At its September 7, 2002 meeting, the board denied Dr. Brumfield's request, thereby continuing the restriction upon his licensure in the state of Nevada.
- 2) Rodney G. Handsfield, M.D. - Dr. Handsfield had heretofore been restricted in his practice to specific office surgeries and procedures. He petitioned the board for removal of that restriction, and at its September 7, 2002 meeting, the board removed the restrictions as to office surgeries and procedures, but imposed a restriction requiring him to have a specific number of (no fewer than 25) procedures monitored by another physician practicing in the same field before he would receive an unrestricted license in the state of Nevada.

The provisions of SB 420 from the last session of the Legislature do not specify that the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners be required to report disciplinary complaints that were adjudicated by the board and found to be not guilty, and thus, no disciplinary action is taken; however, the following two cases were adjudicated by the board with a finding of not guilty and an order in each case dismissed the charges of the complaints:

- 1) D. Stuart Steele, M.D. - Dr. Steele was charged with malpractice. The board adjudicated this case at its June 1, 2002 meeting, and found Dr. Steele not guilty of malpractice and ordered that the charges be dismissed.
- 2) Jane Shen-Gunther, M.D. - Dr. Shen-Gunther was charged with malpractice. The board adjudicated this case at its September 7, 2002 meeting, and found Dr. Shen-Gunther not guilty of malpractice and ordered that the charges be dismissed.

Sincerely,

  
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