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Via email (dan@cronlawfirm.com)
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Re: NMMB Case No. 2020-052 (Inv. No. 2020-C-210)

Dear Dr. Russell:

I am writing because the New Mexico Medical Board (“the Board”) received a report you have seen one or more patients since you placed your license on inactive status. The Board has not confirmed the accuracy of this report.

Because you have placed your license on inactive status, you must refrain from any and all conduct constituting the practice of medicine. *See* NMSA 1978, § 61-6-6(K). The practice of medicine without a valid and active license constitutes a violation of the Medical Practice Act. It also constitutes criminal conduct, which is punishable as a fourth-degree felony.

Having placed your license on inactive status, you also should avoid engaging in conduct that may be construed as the practice of medicine. This includes being present at a practice location where you are likely to encounter patients, taking patient phone calls, and administering treatments of any type.

In this respect, you should consider posting a public notice at your practice location(s) and even on social media stating you are not currently practicing. This will help forestall any confusion. You also should inform your current patients about how they can obtain a copy of their records and about providers they might see to obtain treatment. *See, e.g.*, 16.10.17.8 NMAC and 16.10.17.9 NMAC.

If the Board receives further indications that you may be engaging in the practice of medicine while your license is on inactive status, please be aware the Board will be put in the position of filing a report with the appropriate law enforcement agency or agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sondra Frank". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sondra Frank, Esq.
Executive Director

cc: Yvonne Chicoine, Esq.