

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD**  
2 **OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

3 In the Matter of

4 **ERIC E. COLE, P.A.**

5 Holder of License No. 3789  
6 For the Performance of Health Care Tasks  
7 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. PA-24-0082A

**ORDER FOR SURRENDER OF  
LICENSURE AND CONSENT TO THE  
SAME**

8 Eric E. Cole, P.A. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing  
9 and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of Licensure; admits the jurisdiction of  
10 the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants ("Board") and findings of fact as  
11 stated herein; and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

12 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

13 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of  
14 physician assistants in the State of Arizona.

15 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 3789 for the performance of  
16 health care tasks in the State of Arizona.

17 3. Respondent's license is subject to an Order for Non-Disciplinary Continuing  
18 Medical Education; and Consent to Same entered in case PA-21-0114A ("Original Order").  
19 The Original Order required Respondent to complete intensive, virtual continuing medical  
20 education ("CME") courses in controlled substance prescribing and medical  
21 recordkeeping.

22 4. The Board initiated case number PA-24-0082A after receiving Respondent's  
23 self-report that he did not intend to complete the CME required by the Original Order.

24 5. Respondent reports that he does not currently perform healthcare tasks and  
25 does not wish to retain his license.

1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
3 Respondent.

4 2. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement  
5 with a physician assistant and accept the surrender of an active license from a physician  
6 assistant who admits to having committed an act of unprofessional conduct. A.R.S. § 32-  
7 2551(P)(2).

8 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitutes unprofessional  
9 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2501(20)(k) (“Violating a formal order, probation or  
10 stipulation issued by the board.”).

11 **ORDER**

12 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender license  
13 number 3789, issued to Eric E. Cole, P.A. for the performance of healthcare tasks in the  
14 State of Arizona, and return his certificate of licensure to the Board.

15 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 28th day of August, 2024.

16 ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD OF  
17 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

18 By Patricia McSorley  
19 Patricia E. McSorley  
20 Executive Director  
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1 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

2 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the  
3 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent  
4 acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

5 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely  
6 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

7 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights  
8 to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to  
9 challenge this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of  
10 action related thereto or arising from said Order.

11 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its  
12 Executive Director.

13 5. All admissions made by Respondent in this Order are solely for final  
14 disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil  
15 litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent  
16 are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or  
17 federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the  
18 State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

19 6. Notwithstanding any language in this Order, this Order does not preclude in  
20 any way any other State agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from  
21 instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate  
22 now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent,  
23 including but not limited to, violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent  
24 acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Board, this Order makes no  
25 representations, implied or otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other

1 state agency or officer or political subdivisions of the State relating to this matter or other  
2 matters concerning Respondent.

3 7. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy  
4 thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the  
5 entry of the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any  
6 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved  
7 by the parties.

8 8. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal  
9 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data  
10 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

11 9. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a  
12 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,  
13 prejudgment or other similar defense.

14 10. ***Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.***

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ERIC E. COLE, P.A.

DATED: 14-Aug-2024

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18 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
19 this 28th day of August, 2024 to:

20 Eric E. Cole, P.A.  
21 Address of Record

22 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
23 this 28th day of August, 2024 with:

24 Arizona Regulatory Board  
25 of Physician Assistants  
1740 West Adams, Suite 4000  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

  
Board staff