IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, *ex rel.* OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHIGURUPATI RAMANA, M.D., LICENSE NO. MD 31923,

Defendant.

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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION Case No. 18-12-5685

ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

The undersigned Secretary for the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision ("Board"), in consideration of Plaintiff's Motion for Continuance, filed February 7, 2020, enters the following orders:

- 1. On December 26, 2019, a Verified Complaint ("2019 Complaint") and Citation were each filed. Hearing was set for March 5, 2020. On January 7, 2020, Defendant was served by private process server PPS 2017-72, and an Affidavit of Service was filed on January 9, 2020.
- 2. On January 31, 2020, Defendant, Chigurupati Ramana, M.D., filed an unverified Answer to Plaintiff's Verified Complaint.
- 3. On February 7, 2020, Plaintiff's Motion for Continuance was filed, due to Plaintiff's claim of complex issues regarding discovery, as well as Plaintiff's representation that his expert witness was not available for the scheduled March 5, 2020 hearing, nor would he be available for his deposition prior to the scheduled Board hearing. Plaintiff requested the hearing on the 2019 Complaint be continued and reset by agreement of the parties or until further order of the Board.
- 4. Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Motion for Continuance was filed on February 18, 2020, wherein Dr. Ramana agreed to a continuance of hearing of the 2019 Complaint if the matter is specially set in April or May 2020.
- 5. The parties have conferred and hereby agree to a continuance of the 2019 Complaint scheduled for the March 5, 2020 Board meeting, in order to accommodate the schedule of Plaintiff's expert witness and complete discovery. A new hearing date will be agreed to by the parties after consultation with their witnesses.

- 6. The Board finds that the ends of justice served by granting of such continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the Defendant in a speedy hearing, and for good cause shown the requested continuance is GRANTED.
- 7. The 2019 Complaint filed December 26, 2019, is stricken from the Board hearing on March 5, 2020, to be reset upon agreement of the parties.
- 8. An agreed Scheduling Order setting forth the trial date and deadlines shall be submitted to the Board Secretary on or before March 13, 2020.

Dated this _____ day of March, 2020.

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Certificate of Service

This is to certify that on the <u>26</u> day of <u>Manch</u>, 2020, a true and correct copy of this Order was transmitted as indicated, postage prepaid, to the following:

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