

**STIPULATION AND FINAL AGENCY ORDER**

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS AN OPTOMETRIST IN THE STATE OF COLORADO OF LARRY WILLIAMS, O.D., LICENSE NO. 887,

Respondent.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the State Board of Optometric Examiners ("Board") and Larry Williams ("Respondent") as follows:

1. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order ("Order").
2. Respondent has been licensed to practice optometry in the State of Colorado at all times relevant hereto.
3. This Order is a resolution of case number 2008-000633. This Order does not resolve any other cases, complaints or matters, known or unknown to the Board or Respondent, as of the effective date of the Order.
4. The Board has previously made a recommendation for disciplinary action in case number 2008-000633 based upon an alleged violation of § 12-40-118(1)(s), C.R.S. (2007). Respondent neither admits nor denies that he violated § 12-40-118(1)(s), C.R.S. or any other portion of the Practice Act.
5. Patient KB was examined by Respondent in February 2004. Respondent did not diagnose a retinal detachment based on his examination. Patient KB saw another practitioner on August 5, 2004, and was diagnosed with a retinal detachment at that time. Patient KB brought a lawsuit which resulted in a malpractice insurance settlement on April 10, 2007.
6. Pursuant to the authority of the Board granted by C.R.S. § 12-40-107 and 12-40-119(4)(a) and in consideration of Respondent's present professional status, the Board and Respondent agree and stipulate to the following disposition:

- (a) Respondent will tender his license to practice optometry in the State of Colorado to the Board which license will be placed on inactive status until its scheduled expiration on March 31, 2009.
- (b) Respondent shall not practice optometry in Colorado or any other state based on his Colorado License during the period his license is on inactive status.
- (c) The Board shall make no further recommendations and take no further action with respect to the allegations made in case number 2008-000633 except as provided herein.
- (d) Prior to the expiration of Respondent's license on March 31, 2009, Respondent shall have the right to petition the Board to remove his license from inactive status pursuant to this Stipulation.
- (e) Should Respondent petition the Board pursuant to paragraph (d), above, or seek to activate his license pursuant to statute, the Board will reactivate Respondent's license which license shall be placed on probation for a period of two years from the date of reactivation and until all terms of probation have been completed. The terms of probation upon reactivation are as follows:
  - (i) The period of probation is tolled during any time that Respondent is not practicing in the State of Colorado and such period of probation shall resume at such time as Respondent resumes practicing in the State of Colorado in accordance with this Order.
  - (ii) Credit toward the period of probation will be given only for the periods of time during which the Respondent is practicing as an optometrist in Colorado, is being monitored by a practice monitor and is in full compliance with all terms of this Order.
  - (iii) Within thirty days of the effective date of Respondent's petition to reactivate his license, Respondent must return his license ("original license") to the Board. After which, a new license ("probationary license") will be issued to Respondent indicating that his license is active with conditions. Failure to return the original license to the Board after Respondent's petition to reactivate his license would be a violation of the Stipulation and Order and would be subject to further discipline. The probationary license will be sent to Respondent when the Board receives the original license. Once Respondent is notified that the terms of this Stipulation and Order are completed, Respondent should return the probationary license and the original license will be reissued indicating that the license is active with no conditions.
  - (iv) Respondent shall complete and provide evidence of such completion to the Board of Board (and COPE) approved continuing education courses within two (2)