IN THE MATTER OF

BEFORE THE MARYLAND

MELISSA SKARBELIS, P.D.

STATE BOARD OF

LICENSE NO. 13546

**PHARMACY** 

Respondent

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION

## **Background**

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") is in receipt of a petition from Melissa Skarbelis (the "Respondent"), License No. 13546, requesting to lift the suspension of her license as set forth in a Consent Order, dated May 22, 2008. The Consent Order provides that Ms. Skarbelis may petition to lift the suspension after August 24, 2009, provided that she submit to a substance abuse evaluation and is compliant with all terms of suspension. Ms. Skarbelis submitted to a substance abuse evaluation by a Board-appointed evaluator who opined that Ms. Skarbelis was fit to resume the practice of pharmacy. However, during the period of suspension, Ms. Skarbelis failed to renew her license and thus, her license has lapsed. On January 19, 2011, the Board voted to lift the suspension and place Ms. Skarbelis' license on immediate probation with terms as set forth below.

## **ORDER**

Based on agreement of the parties, it is this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of february 2011, by an affirmative vote of the Board, hereby

ORDERED that, due to the Respondent's lapse in licensure, the Respondent shall comply with all reinstatement requirements, to include submission of a reinstatement application, payment of the requisite fee, satisfactory completion of the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence

Examination ("MPJE"), and all other requirements set forth in COMAR 10.34.13; and be it further,

ORDERED that upon completing the licensure reinstatement requirements above, the Respondent's license be placed on immediate PROBATION for at least THREE (3) YEARS; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that during the probationary period, the Respondent shall satisfactorily complete a Board-approved college-level professional ethics course and submit proof of completion to the Board; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that after three years of probation, the Respondent may petition to terminate the probation provided that she has fully complied with the probationary terms and has no pending complaints against her; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall abstain from the ingestion of controlled dangerous substances, narcotics, or other mood-altering substances, except that the Respondent may only ingest prescribed controlled dangerous substances for legitimate medical reasons; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall at all times cooperate with the Board in the monitoring, supervision, and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that the Respondent's failure to fully cooperate with the Board shall be deemed a violation of the terms of probation and a violation of this Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that in the event the Board finds for any good faith reason that the Respondent has violated any of the terms of this Order, or in the event that the Board finds for any good faith reason that the Respondent has committed a violation of Title 12 of the Health

Occupations Article or regulations adopted thereunder, the Board may take further disciplinary action against the Respondent, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent shall bear the expenses associated with this Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that this document constitutes a formal disciplinary action of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy and is therefore a public document for purposes of public disclosure, pursuant to the Public Information Act., State Gov't § 10-611 et seq.

FEBRUARY 2, 2011

Michael Souranis, R.Ph.

President, Board of Pharmacy