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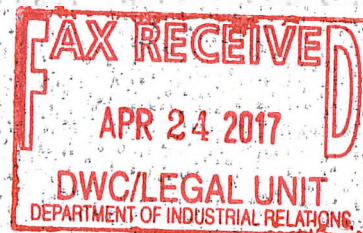
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Acting Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1800
Oakland, California 94612Legal Unit, Division of Workers' Compensation
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1800
Oakland, California 94612**Re: Request for Hearing Per Labor Code § 139.21(b)(2)
Respondent Steven Rigler, DC**

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent Respondent Steven Rigler, DC, in the above-referenced matter. All communication regarding this matter should be directed to me.

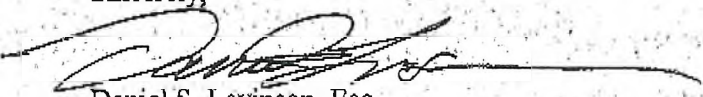
Pursuant to Labor Code § 139.21(b)(2), this is the written request for a hearing on the Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation's ("DWC") pending suspension of Dr. Rigler from participation in the California workers' compensation system per Labor Code § 139.21(a)(1). Pursuant to Labor Code § 139.21(b)(2), this request for hearing stays the pending suspension. I anticipate that the setting of the hearing date as required by Labor Code § 139.21(b)(2) will be coordinated with my office, and hereby expressly request that you contact me to confirm availability before setting a hearing date.

Per CCR, Title 8 § 9788.2(a), Respondent contests the allegation that Labor Code § 139.21(a)(1) is applicable and the basis for suspension. The legal and factual reasons that Labor Code § 139.21(a)(1) is not applicable are as follows:

Respondent has not been "convicted of any felony or misdemeanor" as specified in Labor Code § 139.21(a)(1)(A). Respondent's waiver of indictment and plea, as relied upon by the DWC, does not constitute conviction as set forth in Labor Code § 139.21(a)(1)(A). Per California Penal Code § 1016, a plea to an indictment or an information is not the same as a conviction of a felony or misdemeanor.

Per Labor Code § 139.21(b)(2), proof will be provided at the hearing which indicates that 139.21(a)(1) does not apply.

Sincerely,


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