

## Findings of Fact

### Registrant's DEA Registration

Registrant currently holds DEA practitioner registration BP7189067 authorizing him to dispense controlled substances in Schedules II through V. GX 2. This registration expires on March 31, 2019. *Id.*

DEA practitioner registration BP7189067 is assigned to Registrant at "Dr Raman Popli and Associates, Ltd, 5415 Bull Valley Road, McHenry, IL 60050." *Id.*

### The Status of Registrant's State Licenses

On March 13, 2017, the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation issued an Order suspending Registrant's Illinois Physician and Surgeon License No. 036-104035 and Illinois Controlled Substance License No. 336-064820 pending proceedings before an Administrative Law Judge at the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and the Medical Disciplinary Board of the State of Illinois. GX 3 (Order, at 1-2).<sup>1</sup>

According to the Order, "the public interest, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action to prevent the continued practice of Raman Popli, M.D., Respondent, in that Respondent's actions constitute an immediate danger to the public." *Id.* (Order, at 1).

## Discussion

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(3), the Attorney General is authorized to suspend or revoke a registration issued under section 823 of the Controlled Substances Act (hereinafter, CSA), "upon a finding that the registrant . . . has had his State License . . . suspended [or] . . . revoked by competent State authority and is no longer authorized by State law to engage in the . . . dispensing of controlled substances." With respect to a practitioner, the DEA has also long held that the possession of authority to dispense controlled substances under the laws of the State in which a practitioner engages in professional practice is a fundamental condition for obtaining and maintaining a practitioner's registration. *See, e.g., James L. Hooper*, 76 FR 71,371 (2011), *pet. for rev. denied*, 481 Fed. Appx. 826 (4th Cir. 2012); *Frederick Marsh Blanton*, 43 FR 27,616 (1978).

This rule derives from the text of two provisions of the CSA. First, Congress

defined the term "'practitioner' [to] mean[ ] a . . . physician, dentist, . . . or other person licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted, by . . . the jurisdiction in which he practices . . . , to distribute, dispense, [or] administer . . . a controlled substance in the course of professional practice . . . ." 21 U.S.C. 801(21). Second, in setting the requirements for obtaining a practitioner's registration, Congress directed that "[t]he Attorney General shall register practitioners . . . if the applicant is authorized to dispense . . . controlled substances under the laws of the State in which he practices." 21 U.S.C. 823(f). Because Congress has clearly mandated that a practitioner possess state authority in order to be deemed a practitioner under the CSA, the DEA has held repeatedly that revocation of a practitioner's registration is the appropriate sanction whenever he is no longer authorized to dispense controlled substances under the laws of the State in which he practices. *See, e.g., Hooper*, 76 FR at 71,371-72; *Sheran Arden Yeates*, 71 FR 39,130, 39,131 (2006); *Dominick A. Ricci*, 58 FR 51,104, 51,105 (1993); *Bobby Watts*, 53 FR 11,919, 11,920 (1988); *Blanton*, 43 FR at 27,616.

Under Illinois law, "[n]o person shall practice medicine . . . without a valid, active license to do so . . . ." 225 ILCS 60/3 (2017). Further, "[e]very person who . . . dispenses any controlled substances . . . must obtain a registration issued by the [Illinois] Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in accordance with its rules." 720 ILCS 570/302(a).

In this case, the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation took emergency action to suspend Registrant's Physician and Surgeon License and Illinois Controlled Substance License. *Supra*. Consequently, Registrant is not currently authorized to handle controlled substances in the State of Illinois, the State in which he is registered, and he is not entitled to maintain his registration. *Blanton, supra*. Accordingly, I will order this his registration be revoked and that any pending application for the renewal or modification of his registration be denied. 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(3) and 823(f).

## Order

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by 21 U.S.C. 824(a), as well as 28 CFR 0.100(b), I order that DEA Certificate of Registration BP7189067 issued to Raman I. Popli, M.D., as well as DATA-Waiver Identification No. XP7189067, be, and they hereby are, revoked. I

further order that any pending application of Raman I. Popli, M.D., to renew or modify this registration, as well as any other pending application by him for registration in the State of Illinois, be, and it hereby is, denied. This order is effective immediately.<sup>2</sup>

Dated: August 4, 2017.

**Chuck Rosenberg,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**DATE AND TIME:** The Legal Services Corporation's Finance Committee will meet telephonically on August 21, 2017. The meeting will commence at 12:00 p.m., EDT, and will continue until the conclusion of the Committee's agenda.

**LOCATION:** John N. Erlenborn Conference Room, Legal Services Corporation Headquarters, 3333 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20007.

**PUBLIC OBSERVATION:** Members of the public who are unable to attend in person but wish to listen to the public proceedings may do so by following the telephone call-in directions provided below.

### CALL-IN DIRECTIONS FOR OPEN SESSIONS:

- Call toll-free number: 1-866-451-4981;
- When prompted, enter the following numeric pass code: 5907707348;
- When connected to the call, please immediately "MUTE" your telephone.

Members of the public are asked to keep their telephones muted to eliminate background noises. To avoid disrupting the meeting, please refrain from placing the call on hold if doing so will trigger recorded music or other sound. From time to time, the Chair may solicit comments from the public.

**STATUS OF MEETING:** Open.

### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes of the Committee's Open Session telephonic meeting of June 21, 2017
3. Approval of minutes of the Committee's Open Session telephonic meeting of June 26, 2017

<sup>1</sup> Since the pages in GX 3 are not consecutively paginated, this Decision and Order identifies the relevant document in GX 3 and the relevant page number of that document.

<sup>2</sup> For the same reasons the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation suspended Registrant's Illinois Physician and Surgeon License and Illinois Controlled Substance License, I find that the public interest necessitates that this Order be effective immediately. 21 CFR 1316.67.

4. Discussion regarding recommendations for LSC's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 budget request
5. Public comment regarding FY 2019 budget request
6. Consider and act on FY 2019 Budget Request *Resolution 2017-XXX*
7. Additional public comment
8. Consider and act on other business
9. Consider and act on adjournment of meeting

**CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:**

Katherine Ward, Executive Assistant to the Vice President & General Counsel, at (202) 295-1500. Questions may be sent by electronic mail to [FR\\_NOTICE\\_QUESTIONS@lsc.gov](mailto:FR_NOTICE_QUESTIONS@lsc.gov).

**ACCESSIBILITY:** LSC complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. Upon request, meeting notices and materials will be made available in alternative formats to accommodate individuals with disabilities. Individuals needing other accommodations due to disability in order to attend the meeting in person or telephonically should contact Katherine Ward, at (202) 295-1500 or [FR\\_NOTICE\\_QUESTIONS@lsc.gov](mailto:FR_NOTICE_QUESTIONS@lsc.gov), at least 2 business days in advance of the meeting. If a request is made without advance notice, LSC will make every effort to accommodate the request but cannot guarantee that all requests can be fulfilled.

Dated: August 11, 2017.

**Katherine Ward,**

Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

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**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS****Copyright Royalty Board**

[Docket Nos. 16-CRB-0014 DART-SRF (CO) (2015) and 16-CRB-0022-DART-SRF (FRA) (2015)]

**Distribution of 2015 DART Sound Recordings Fund Royalties (Copyright Owners and Featured Artists Subfunds)**

**AGENCY:** Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress.

**ACTION:** Notice soliciting comments on motion for partial distribution.

**SUMMARY:** The Copyright Royalty Judges solicit comments on a motion for partial distribution in connection with 2015 DART Sound Recordings Fund royalties.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before September 14, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, identified by both docket numbers 16-CRB-0014 DART-SRF (CO) (2015) and 16-CRB-0022-DART-SRF (FRA) (2015),<sup>1</sup> by any of the following methods:

*CRB's electronic filing application:* Submit comments online in eCRB at <https://app.crb.gov/>.

*U.S. mail:* Copyright Royalty Board, P.O. Box 70977, Washington, DC 20024-0977; or

*Overnight service (only USPS Express Mail is acceptable):* Copyright Royalty Board, P.O. Box 70977, Washington, DC 20024-0977; or

*Commercial courier:* Address package to: Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, LM-403, 101 Independence Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20559-6000. Deliver to: Congressional Courier Acceptance Site, 2nd Street NE., and D Street NE., Washington, DC; or

*Hand delivery:* Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, LM-401, 101 Independence Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20559-6000.

*Instructions:* Unless submitting online, commenters must submit an original, five paper copies, and an electronic version on a CD. All submissions must include the Copyright Royalty Board name and docket number(s). All submissions received and accepted will be filed and posted to eCRB on <https://www.crb.gov> without change, including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to eCRB, the Copyright Royalty Board's electronic filing and case management system, at <https://app.crb.gov/> and search for docket number 16-CRB-0014 DART-SRF (CO) (2015) or docket number 16-CRB-0022-DART-SRF (FRA) (2015). For documents not yet uploaded to eCRB (because it is a new system), go to the CRB Web site at <https://www.crb.gov/> or contact the CRB Program Specialist.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Anita Brown-Blaine, Program Specialist, by telephone at (202) 707-7658 or email at [crb@loc.gov](mailto:crb@loc.gov).

<sup>1</sup> The motion was filed under docket number 16-CRB-0014 DART-SRF (CO) (2015). CO stands for Copyright Owners subfund. The motion should have included a second docket number because it includes a request regarding both the CO subfund and another subfund (the Featured Recording Artists (FRA) subfund). An additional docket number, 16-CRB-0022-DART-SRF (FRA) (2015), has been assigned to the motion. (Note that the docket number for the Copyright Owners fund has been revised to add an F after SR to bring it into conformity with eCRB docket numbering protocols.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 23, 2017, the Alliance of Artists and Recording Companies (AARC), on behalf of itself and claimants with which it has reached settlements (Settling Claimants) filed with the Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) a Notice of Settlement and Request for Partial Distribution of the 2015 DART Sound Recordings Fund Featured Recording Artists and Copyright Owners Subfunds Royalties (Notice and Request). In the Notice and Request, AARC states that the Settling Claimants have agreed among themselves concerning distribution of the 2015 DART Sound Recordings Fund royalties from two subfunds: Copyright Owners and Featured Recording Artists.

With respect to the Featured Recording Artists Subfund, AARC represents that it has reached settlements with all but one claimant (Herman Kelly). AARC contends that Mr. Kelly had sales of approximately 157,000 out of a total of 1 billion sold for the year. Notice and Request at 2.

With respect to the Copyright Owners Subfund, AARC represents that it has reached settlements with all but four claimants (Herman Kelly, Eugene Curry, George Clinton, and C. Kunspruchy-George Clinton). AARC contends that the combined sales of the non-settling copyright owners is approximately 192,000 units out of approximately 1 billion sold for the year. *Id.* at 3.

AARC requests a partial distribution of 98% from the Copyright Owners Subfund and an equal percentage from the Featured Recording Artists Subfund pursuant to Section 801(b)(3)(C) of the Copyright Act. Under that section of the Copyright Act, before ruling on a partial distribution motion the Judges must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** seeking responses to the motion to ascertain whether any claimant entitled to receive such royalty fees has a reasonable objection to the proposed distribution. 17 U.S.C. 801(b)(3)(C). Consequently, this Notice seeks comments from interested claimants on whether any reasonable objection exists that would preclude the distribution from the 2015 DART Sound Recordings Fund of 98% of the royalties in the Featured Recording Artists Subfund and 98% of the royalties in the Copyright Owners Subfund to the Settling Claimants. Any party wishing to advise the Judges of the existence and extent of an objection must do so, in writing, by the end of the comment period. The Judges will not consider any objections to the partial distribution motion that are raised after the close of that period.