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3 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE**
4 **BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS**
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8 In the Matter of Podiatry)
9 License No. 0367 Issued to:) Complaint No. 99027-M
10 **LOREN WESSEL, D.P.M.**) **DECREE OF CENSURE**
11 3722 S. 16th Ave.)
Tucson, Arizona 85713)

12 This matter came before the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners (“the
13 Board”) on January 12, 2000 for an Informal Interview to determine whether grounds
14 existed for the imposition of discipline against Loren Wessel, D.P.M. (“Licensee”). The
15 proceedings in this matter are governed by A.R.S. §§ 32-852.01 and 32-854.01.
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17 Having heard the testimony of the Licensee and having read and considered the
18 documents and correspondence contained in the complaint file and having deliberated
19 fully, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.
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21 **GENERAL FINDINGS**

- 22 1. The Board has jurisdiction over Licensee and the subject matter pursuant to
23 A.R.S. § 32-801 et seq.
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25 2. The Board has authority to hold informal interviews pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-
26 852.01(C). After an informal interview the Board may take action, including
27 issuing a Decree of Censure, A.R.S. § 32-852.01C(2).
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1 3. Licensee received sufficient and timely notice of the informal interview.
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3 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

4 4. Licensee holds podiatry license No. 0367 with the Arizona State Board of
5 Podiatry Examiners.

6 5. At all times relevant hereto, Licensee was a licensed podiatrist under the above
7 listed license;

8 6. On or about April 29, 1998, patient B.G. visited Licensee for the purpose of
9 diagnosis and treatment of pain in her fourth left toe.
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11 7. Licensee performed a partial phenol matrixectomy left fourth toe. Licensee
12 failed to obtain a signed consent form from patient, B.G.

13 8. Patient, B.G. was seen post-operatively in May and June, 1998. Licensee
14 showed a lack of professional judgement by failing to take post-operative x-rays and
15 failed to recognize post-operative complications resulting in an amputation of the fourth
16 toe.
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18 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

19 9. The Board of Podiatry Examiners possesses jurisdiction over the subject
20 matter hereof and over the Licensee, **Loren Wessel, D.P.M.**
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22 10. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute Unprofessional
23 Conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-854.01(9) (failing to obtain informed consent from a
24 patient prior to the performance of any surgical procedure on the patient).
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26 11. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute a violation of
27 A.R.S. § 32-854.01(20) (any conduct or practice which is or might be harmful or
28 dangerous to the health of the patient).

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ORDER

Based upon the foregoing General Findings, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board hereby orders the following:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Decree of Censure against Licensee, **Loren Wessel, D.P.M.** License No. 0367

Dated this 24th of February 2000.

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS

By: Barry Kaplan DPM
Barry Kaplan, D.P.M. *By J.W.*
Board President

1 **ORIGINAL** of the foregoing filed
2 this 24th day of February, 2000

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