

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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## IN THE MATTER OF:

**MARGO LYNN MAXWELL, CLP-GEN**  
(Certificate No. G01628-GEN)  
*Respondent*

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**No. 12-I-831**

## CONSENT ORDER FOR OFFICIAL REPRIMAND

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The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State, Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following receipt of apparently reliable information that Margo Lynn Maxwell, CLP-GEN ("Ms. Maxwell"), continued to practice clinical laboratory science in this state despite the fact that her license had lapsed and expired.

In connection with this matter, Ms. Maxwell submitted a written statement to the Investigating Officer of the Board (the "I/O"), explaining that she had neglected to renew her license timely due to numerous medical problems and family issues, and she acknowledged that her conduct was in violation of the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Personnel Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1311 *et. seq.* She has cooperated with the investigation and has requested to make restitution for this prior error on her part. She expressed a commitment to insure that her future practice would at all times be in compliance with the Act and the Board's rules regarding Clinical Laboratory Personnel.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Investigating Officer of the Board (the "I/O"). While it appears to the I/O that Ms. Maxwell is a conscientious and well-trained clinical laboratory scientist-generalist, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that that sufficient cause exists to charge Ms. Maxwell with one or more violations of the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Personnel Law (the "Law"), and/or the Board's rules respecting clinical laboratory personnel.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1318, 1326; La. Adm. C. §46XLV:3505.

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Ms. Maxwell acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such acknowledgment and the reported information would provide the Investigating Officer herein with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against her for the suspension, revocation or imposition of such other terms, conditions or restrictions on her license to practice clinical laboratory science in the State of Louisiana as the Board may determine to be appropriate.

Recognizing her right to have notice of administrative charges, and to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time she would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§ 49:951, *et seq.*, Ms. Maxwell nonetheless hereby waives her right to formal charges and adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), hereby consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By her subscription hereto, Ms. Maxwell also acknowledges that she waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.* or which otherwise may be afforded to her by law, to contest her agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein.

By her subscription hereto, Ms. Maxwell also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto, to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and she waives any objection to such disclosures to the Board under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Ms. Maxwell expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of an administrative complaint against her, or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint, should the Board decline to accept this Consent Order.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326 and La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the license of Margo Lynn Maxwell, CLP, to practice as a clinical laboratory scientist in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. G01628-GEN, shall receive an **OFFICIAL REPRIMAND** for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within six (6) months of the date of this Order Ms. Maxwell shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of One Thousand Three Hundred (\$1300.00) Dollars, which represents the licensure fee for ten (10) years, plus a penalty of an equal amount.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within the next twelve (12) months, Ms. Maxwell shall perform, without compensation, a minimum of fifty (50) hours of community service in a setting that has been pre-approved in writing by the Board, and shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of this Board approved community service completed by her.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Ms. Maxwell shall, upon proof of such violation or failure, be deemed adequate and sufficient cause for such further action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By:   
MELVIN G. BOURGEOIS, M.D.  
President

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STATE OF ~~LOUISIANA~~ Georgia  
PARISH OF Fulton  
DeKalb County

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

I, MARGO LYNN MAXWELL, CLP-GEN, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and  
consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 5 day of MARCH, 2013.

Margo Lynn Maxwell, CLP-GEN  
MARGO LYNN MAXWELL, CLP-GEN

[Signature]  
Signature  
Sarah Louise Ray  
Printed Name

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Atlanta, Georgia, this 5 day of  
March, 2013, in the presence of the two stated witnesses

[Signature]  
Notary Public (Signature)

James Trahan  
Printed Name/Notary/Bar #

Notary Public, DeKalb County, Georgia  
My Commission Expires Feb. 16 2017