

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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: **No. 12-I-734**  
**In The Matter Of** :  
: **CONSENT ORDER**  
**JOHN C. SOUD, D.O.** : **FOR REPRIMAND**  
*(Certificate No. DO.000012)* :  
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An investigation was conducted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") of John C. Soud, D.O. ("Dr. Soud"), a physician who at all pertinent times has been licensed and engaged in the practice of medicine in and around Shreveport, Louisiana. The investigation did not result from a complaint or any concern as to quality of care or professional conduct or behavior of Dr. Soud; rather, it arose from a routine inspection of Dr. Soud's practices as a registered dispensing physician with the Board. The results of the investigation indicate that Dr. Soud dispensed medication in contravention of the Board's dispensing rules which, among other items, limit dispensing to a forty-eight hour supply of a single controlled substance or drug of concern, prohibit dispensing upon the order of another physician and require the creation and maintenance of complete dispensing records. Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Investigating Officer ("I/O") for the Board, whose review and analysis confirms that the actions identified may implicate one or more violations of Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261-92 and/or the Board's rules.<sup>1</sup>

Dr. Soud cooperated fully with the Board's investigation, immediately halted dispensing any medication upon being made aware of the Board's concerns, and met with the I/O to discuss the matter. On his own behalf he denied any violation of the Act or the Board's rules and made clear that the alleged transgressions, if any, were not intentional; rather, that such resulted from a good-faith misunderstanding of the Board's rules.

By his subscription hereto Dr. Soud acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that proof of such the foregoing information upon an administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act for the imposition of such terms or conditions on his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may deem appropriate. Dr. Soud recognizes his right to have notice of any allegations and charges asserted against him, to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time he would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his 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.* Nevertheless, Dr. Soud hereby waives his right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Soud, in addition, acknowledges that he waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law to contest his

<sup>1</sup>La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(30); La. Adm. C. 46 XLV.6505-06.

agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Soud also hereby authorizes the I/O 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 he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Soud expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the I/O's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided and upon the recommendation of the I/O assigned to this matter, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that John C. Soud, D.O. is hereby **officially reprimanded**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within six (6) months of the date of this Order Dr. Soud shall provide written confirmation to the Board that he has successfully completed a course pre-approved in writing by the Board or its designee on proper prescribing practices and record keeping.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Dr. Soud shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of One Thousand and No/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars that within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order.

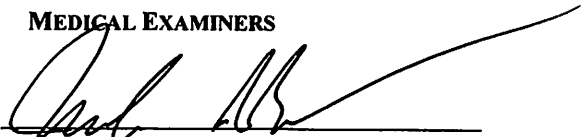
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation or failure of this Order by Dr. Soud shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such further action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violation were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

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

Signed in New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY:

  
MELVIN G. BOURGEOIS.

*President*

STATE OF ~~LOUISIANA~~ FLORIDA  
PARISH OF DuVAL  
COUNTY

ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT

I, JOHN C. SOUD, D.O., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.

[Signature]  
JOHN C. SOUD, D.O.

WITNESSES:

[Signature]  
Signature

Adrian G. Soud  
Printed Name

501 W. Adams St.  
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[Signature]  
Signature

Kerri L Soud  
Printed Name

1551 First St. S #204  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Jacksonville, ~~Louisiana~~ Florida this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

Lee Ann Ball  
Printed Name

Commission # DD 871381  
Bar/Notary No.

