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**In the Matter of**

**No. 15-I-757**

**THE APPLICATION OF  
SHAQUANTA LASHEL BRUMFIELD, OTA  
(Applicant)**

**CONSENT ORDER FOR ISSUANCE OF  
LICENSE WITH REPRIMAND**

This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on the application of Shaquanta Lashel Brumfield ("Ms. Brumfield") for a license to practice as an Occupational Therapy Assistant ("OTA") in this state. While a review of the materials submitted in support of her application indicates that she satisfies the educational and other requirements necessary for licensure consideration, Ms. Brumfield reports that she has worked briefly as an OTA in Louisiana without licensure.

In connection with this matter, Ms. Brumfield explained that she has been a Licensed Practical Nurse in Louisiana since 2004, with no prior disciplinary action against her license. After completing the educational program for her Occupational Therapy Assistant degree at Delgado Community College, she submitted her licensure application to the Board. When she passed the examination by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc ("NBCOT") and received her certification card on May 6, 2015, she mistakenly thought that she was now licensed. She then began applying for part-time employment with three (3) rehabilitation companies, and began part-time practice. On August 21, 2015, when she learned that she was not yet licensed, she immediately stopped practicing as an OTA. She then submitted further documents to complete her application for licensure with the Board. Ms. Brumfield has now acknowledged that her prior understanding was in error and she now accepts her responsibility to comply with all rules and regulations regarding licensure in this state.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Investigating Officer ("I/O") of the Board. While it appears to the I/O that Ms. Brumfield is a conscientious and well-trained occupational therapy assistant, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that the actions identified hereinabove may implicate one or more violations of the Louisiana Occupational Therapy Practice Act and the Board's rules pertaining to Occupational Therapists.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Pursuant to the Louisiana Occupational Therapy Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §37.3004 "No person shall practice occupational therapy or hold himself out as an . . . occupational therapy assistant . . . or to render occupational therapy services in the state unless he is licensed in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter;" and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37.3011.A. the board may take disciplinary action if the licensee is found guilty of unprofessional conduct. The Board's rules also prescribe such conduct and define professional conduct to include La Adm. C. §46XLV.4921.B. "18. [V]iolation of any rules and regulations of the board, or any provisions of the Act . . ."

Recognizing her right to have notice of such allegations and charges asserted against her, to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time Ms. Brumfield 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. §§ 49:95 *et seq.*, Ms. Brumfield, nonetheless, hereby waives her 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. Ms. Brumfield further acknowledges that she hereby waives any right that 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. Brumfield also hereby authorizes the I/O 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 under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Ms. Brumfield expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the IO'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 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 ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:3002, 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. §37:3011 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that Shaquanta Lashel Brumfield, O.T.A Applicant is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that after completion of application requirements, a license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant in the state of Louisiana shall be issued to Shaquanta Lashei Brumfield.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Ms. Brumfield shall pay a fine of \$150 to the Board, which payment shall be made within six (6) months of the acceptance of this Order by the Board.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation of this Order by Ms. Brumfield shall, upon proof of such violation, be deemed adequate and sufficient cause for such further action against her license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant in this state as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:3011.

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

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015.

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By: Mark H. Dawson  
Mark H. Dawson, M.D.  
*President*

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

I, **SHAQUANTA LASHEL BRUMFIELD, O.T.A.** Applicant, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

Shaquanta Lashel Brumfield  
SHAQUANTA LASHEL BRUMFIELD

WITNESSES.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Bogalusa, Louisiana, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

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Notary Public

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