

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

No. 2023-I-884
IN THE MATTER OF:

JOHN J. KNIGHT, PA (Credential No. PA.A10239), Respondent STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSE

This *Stipulation and Agreement* is made by John J. Knight, PA ("Mr. Knight"), a physician assistant who is licensed to practice in the State of Louisiana by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), as evidenced by Credential No. PA.A10239.

- 1. Acknowledgment and Stipulations. Mr. Knight hereby acknowledges, stipulates, and agrees that:
 - (a) The above-entitled proceeding was docketed by the Board for investigation following the receipt of a complaint alleging that Mr. Knight was not safe to practice and had been involved in a DWI hit-and-run.
 - (b) The investigation revealed that Mr. Knight was arrested in Livingston Parish on April 4, 2022 for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, hit-and-run driving, and reckless operation of a vehicle. Mr. Knight failed to disclose this arrest on both his 2022 and 2023 license renewals. When questioned about his omission, Mr. Knight stated that he did not report the arrest because the charges were dropped.
 - (c) Mr. Knight had executed a 5-year monitoring agreement with the Healthcare Professionals Foundation of Louisiana ("HPFL") on May 22, 2019. However, after executing the agreement, Mr. Knight was deployed overseas for military service.
 - (d) Upon returning to the United States, Mr. Knight indicated that he was not working in Louisiana and that he could not take leave from the military to complete the evaluation that the HPFL requested.
 - (e) On July 24, 2024, Mr. Knight retired from the military and emailed the Board indicating that he would also be retiring from working as a physician assistant.

- (f) Having retired from the military, Mr. Knight wishes to also retire from practice as a physician assistant. Accordingly, Mr. Knight wishes to resolve these proceedings through consent and stipulation for the voluntary surrender his Physician Assistant License in this state, rather than undertaking an administrative hearing.
- (g) Predicated upon the foregoing information, the Investigating Officer assigned by the Board with respect to the matter determined that reasonable cause existed such that a formal Administrative Complaint could have been filed against Mr. Knight, charging him with a violation of the Louisiana Physician Assistant Practice Act (the "Act"), pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1360.33(5).
- (h) Pursuant to the Act, La. R.S. 37:1360.21 et. seq., the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951 et seq., and the Board's Rules on Adjudication, La. Admin. Code. tit. 46, pt. XLV, § 9901 et seq., Mr. Knight would be entitled, prior to final disciplinary action against his physician assistant license, to an administrative adjudication of such charges, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975 et seq. At such hearing, Mr. Knight would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to have those charges proved against him by evidence, to appear and confront adverse witnesses, to call witnesses and present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La. R.S. 49:977, and to any other right to which he may be afforded by the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951 et seq. or otherwise.
- 2. Voluntary Surrender of License. Notwithstanding his right to an administrative hearing and a decision thereon, as provided by La. R.S. 49:951 et. seq., in recognition of the stipulations set forth hereinabove, Mr. Knight acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and hereby waives his right to formal adjudication and voluntarily surrenders to the Board for cancellation his license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. PA.A10239. By his subscription hereto, Mr. Knight also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect to this matter to present this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Physician Assistant License 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. R.S. 49:977.2.

¹ La. R.S. 37:1360.33(5) ("The board may, exercising due process, discipline any physician assistant...who:...(5) Is a habitual user of intoxicants or drugs to such an extent that he is unable to safely perform as a physician assistant."); La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, § 4513(A)(13), (14) ("The board may refuse to issue, or may suspend, revoke or impose probationary or other restrictions on, any license issued under this Chapter, or issue a private or public reprimand, for the following causes:...(13) inability to perform or function as a physician assistant with reasonable skill or safety to patients because of...excessive use or abuse of drugs, including alcohol; (14) refusing to submit to the examination and inquiry of an examining committee of physicians appointed or designated by the board to inquire into the physician assistant's physical and mental fitness and ability to provide patient services with reasonable skill and safety.").

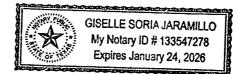
- 3. Effect of Voluntary Surrender of License. Mr. Knight acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that the voluntary surrender of his Louisiana physician assistant license affected hereby in the presence of an administrative investigation shall have, and shall be deemed by the Board to have, the same effect as if the Board had entered an order of revocation upon the conclusion of formal administrative proceedings.
- 4. **Termination of Proceedings**. By the voluntary surrender of his physician assistant license, and the attendant dismissal of the proceedings occasioned hereby, Mr. Knight, moreover, acknowledges, stipulates, and agrees that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951 *et. seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to him by any law, to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the stipulations, agreements, acknowledgments and other matters referred to herein.
- 5. Advice of Counsel. Mr. Knight acknowledges that he has had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Physician Assistant License and that all of the terms, conditions, restrictions and limitations contained herein have been explained to him and/or that he fully understands them.
- 6. *Public Record*. Mr. Knight acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Physician Assistant License shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a **PUBLIC RECORD**.

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Commission expires: 01/24/2026

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS	
PARISH/COUNTY OF Travis	
advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect Surrender of Physician Assistant License and that explained to me and/or that I fully understand the	at all of its terms and conditions have been fully
my own free will and accord, this 2 day of N	ovember 2024.
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	JOHN J. KNIGHT, PA
WITNESSES:	
Signature	Signature
NOVA DOMINGO AVOU	
Typed Name	Typed Name
19005 BLAIR CHATLE CT	
Street Address	Street Address
PFLUGERVILLE, TX, 78660	
City/State/Zip Code	City/State/Zip Code
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of 11, 2024, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.	
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Notary Public (Signature)	
Name: Giseile Soria Javamille Notary/Bar No.:#133547278	
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ACCEPTANCE

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By:

RODERICK V. CLARK, M.D., M.B.A President