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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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In The Matter Of : **No. 06-I-421**
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WILLIAM D. EDWARDS, CLP :
(Certificate No. G02702-GEN), : **STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT FOR**
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Respondent. : **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF CLINICAL**
:
: **LABORATORY SCIENCE LICENSE**
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THIS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT is made and executed by William D. Edwards, CLP ("Mr. Edwards"), a clinical laboratory scientist-generalist, who at all times pertinent was and is licensed as of the date hereof to practice clinical laboratory science in the state of Louisiana and engaged in the practice of clinical laboratory science in and around Ruston, Louisiana, with and in favor of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board").

1. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND STIPULATIONS.** Mr. Edwards hereby acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that:

a. An investigation conducted on behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), through its Investigating Officer, reveals that Mr. Edwards was arrested in August 2005 on two (2) counts of aggravated incest and one (1) count of simple battery in the First District Court for the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, No. 244,990, June 26, 2006. The information further reveals that Mr. Edwards subsequently pled guilty to two (2) counts of molestation of a juvenile and received two (2) concurrent ten (10) year sentences at hard labor on each count, with all but two (2) years suspended. Finally, the investigation reveals that Mr. Edwards failed to fully reveal or explain his arrests or charges on his licensure renewal applications for the years 2005 and 2006 as required. Such investigation indicates, to the satisfaction of the Board's Investigating Officer, that sufficient cause exists for action against Mr. Edward's license to practice clinical laboratory science in this state under the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Science Practice Act.¹

¹ Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1311-1329, 1326.

b. Pursuant to the Act and the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et. seq.*, Mr. Edwards would be entitled, prior to disciplinary action against his clinical laboratory science license, to have notice of any allegations and charges asserted against him and to administrative adjudication of such charges, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et. seq.* At such hearing Mr. Edwards would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and 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.* The most recent investigation provides sufficient cause for assertion of formal charges and action against the physician's license by the Board under the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Science Practice Act.

2. **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE.** In lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings in this matter, and notwithstanding his right to notice of formal charges, administrative hearing and a decision thereon, as provided by La. Rev. Stat. §49:951, *et seq.* in recognition of the stipulations set forth herein above toward final disposition of the investigation now pending in this matter Mr. Edwards, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and hereby voluntarily surrenders to the Board for cancellation his license to practice clinical laboratory science in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. G02702-GEN. By his subscription hereto Mr. Edwards also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical 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. Rev. Stat. §49:960.

3. **EFFECT OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE.** Mr. Edwards acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that the voluntary surrender of his clinical laboratory science license effected 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. Mr. Edwards further acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that as a result of the voluntary surrender of his clinical laboratory science license effected hereby he shall not have any right or entitlement to reinstatement or renewal of such license nor shall he hereafter be entitled to apply for or otherwise attempt to obtain any original, reinstated or renewal license to practice clinical laboratory science in the state of Louisiana.

4. **TERMINATION OF PROCEEDINGS.** By the voluntary surrender of his clinical laboratory science license occasioned hereby Mr. Edwards 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. Rev. Stat. §§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 stipulations, agreements, acknowledgments and other matters referred to herein.

5. **ADVICE OF COUNSEL.** Mr. Edwards acknowledges that he has had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Stipulation 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. Edwards acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a **PUBLIC RECORD**.

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STIPULATION
AND AGREEMENT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF Concordia

I, WILLIAM D. EDWARDS, CLP, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Stipulation and Agreement, this 26 day of January 2007.

William D. Edwards
WILLIAM D. EDWARDS, CLP

WITNESSES:

Joseph Foster
Signature
Joseph Foster
Typed Name
26356 Hwy 15
Ferriday, La 71334
Address

Jimmy C. Watts Jr
Signature
Jimmy C. Watts Jr
Typed Name
379 Belle Grove Cr.
Vidalia, LA 71373
Address

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Ferriday, Louisiana,
this 26 day of JAN., 2007, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Gayle M. Cowan
Notary Public
Gayle M. Cowan
Notary I.D. # 77167
State of Louisiana
Printed Name
Concordia Parish

ACCEPTANCE

CONSIDERING THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING, the Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Clinical Laboratory Scientist License is hereby **APPROVED AND ACCEPTED** by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, this 12th day of February, 2007.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By: K. J. Amusa, MD
KWELI J. AMUSA, M.D.
President

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