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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NUMBER: 04-A-014

IN THE MATTER OF:

CHERYL GENEVA BROWN, CLS
(LICENSE NO. L01895)

OPINION AND RULING

Applicant, Cheryl Geneva Brown, requested a hearing following notification that the Board intended to deny her application for renewal or reinstatement of her license to practice as a clinical laboratory scientist-laboratory assistant. The matter was heard before a panel consisting of Drs. Gage-White, James, Amusa, Laborde, and LeBlanc, President.

The record reveals that Ms. Brown was initially licensed as a Laboratory Assistant in 1997, and properly renewed her license for several years thereafter. When asked to provide evidence of her attendance at required continuing education for the year 2001, she reported having attended programs at Louisiana State University Medical Center in May and November, 2001, and listed the presenter at both of those programs as Catherine E. Lee. A review of the list of attendees for the May and November, 2001, programs found that Applicant had not attended either program.

When advised of the above findings, Ms. Brown asserted that she had sent in her roommate's continuing education units in error. She was given the opportunity to submit verification of her own attendance, but failed to do so. The matter was then referred to the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Advisory Committee, which requested that the Board investigate the case, provide Ms. Brown with an opportunity for a hearing, and, if no adequate explanation of the circumstances was given, to deny her application.

BROWN, October, 2004

Although several notices, which Applicant alleged she did not receive, were sent to her, she failed to apply for a hearing, or give an explanation of her conduct. It was then discovered that Ms. Brown had continued to practice at St. Charles General Hospital, and had presented a forged wallet card, showing that her license would expire on December 31, 2003, as evidence of her licensure. The hospital then got in touch with the Board to verify Applicant's status, and the deception was discovered. Thereafter, respondent finally requested this hearing.

Ms. Brown admits all of the above circumstances. Her only explanation for her conduct was that, if she had not forged the wallet card, she would have lost her job. She is now sorry that she did it.

As a result of the above conduct, Applicant is charged with the violation of R. S. 37:1326A(6), which proscribes fraud or deceit in attempting to obtain a license to engage in the practice of clinical laboratory science; violation of R. S. 37:1326A(1), which proscribes practicing clinical laboratory science without a license; and violation of R. S. 37:1326A(7), which proscribes violation of any provision of the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Law, or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder.

Clearly, Applicant is guilty of all of the charges against her. She has no explanation for her conduct. Her application is, accordingly, denied.

We further state, however, that should Applicant submit herself for retraining in her field, and is able to satisfy the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Advisory Committee that she should be relicensed, the Board will consider her application. If a license is granted, it would be on probation, and subject to whatever terms and conditions the Board sees fit to impose.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, this 29th day of October, 2004.

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BY: KIM EDWARD LEBLANC, M.D., Ph.D., PRESIDENT