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IN THE MATTER OF
:
ERIK ANTHONY STRAHAN, ATH
(Certificate No. ATH.200002)
Respondent
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No. 11-I-422

**CONSENT ORDER
FOR OFFICIAL REPRIMAND**

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following apparently reliable information that Eric Anthony Strahan, A.T.H. ("Mr. Strahan"), continued to hold himself out as an Athletic Trainer in this state despite the fact that his certification had lapsed and expired in 2005.

In connection with this matter, Mr. Strahan met with the Investigating Officer of the Board (the "I/O"), acknowledged that his conduct was in violation of the Louisiana Athletic Trainers Law (the "Law"), La. Rev. Stat. §§37:3301 *et. seq.* and cooperated fully with the investigation. On his own behalf, Mr. Strahan advised the Board that he was under the impression that certification by the National Association of Athletic Trainers was sufficient requirement to hold himself out as an athletic trainer in this state and that although he had held himself out as an athletic trainer, he had not worked as such but instead had been working as a Physical Therapist. After Mr. Strahan was advised that certification by the Board is required, he acknowledged that his understanding was in error and accepted his responsibility to understand and comply with all rules and regulations regarding certification in this state.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the I/O for the Board. While it appears to the I/O that Mr. Strahan is a conscientious and well-trained athletic trainer, 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 Athletic Trainers Law (the "Law"), La. Rev. Stat. §37:3305, 3308 and/or the Board's rules respecting athletic trainers, La. Adm. C. 46XLV.5709, 5719 and 3157.¹

¹Pursuant to the Athletic Trainers Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §37:3305, "...no person shall hold himself out as an athletic trainer or perform, for compensation or any other means of remuneration, any of the activities of an athletic trainer . . .

Recognizing his right to have notice of such 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.*, Mr. Strahan, nonetheless, 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. Mr. Strahan further acknowledges that he 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 law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto Mr. Strahan also hereby authorizes the I/O designated by the Board with respect to this investigation 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. Mr. Strahan 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 foregoing information, as well as the recommendation of the I/O, 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. §37:3303, 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. §37:3303 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Erik Anthony Strahan is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Mr. Strahan shall perform, without compensation, a minimum of thirty (30) hours of community service in a setting that has been pre-approved in writing by the Board, and shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of the Board approved community service completed by him.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within twelve (12) months of the date of this Order Mr. Strahan shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Mr. Strahan shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such

without first obtaining a certificate under this Chapter;" pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37.3307.C. "A certificate issued under this Chapter shall expire on June 30th of each year;" and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37.3308.A. the board may take action against any person who: "(3) Violated or conspired to violate the provisions of this Chapter or rules. . ."

The Board's rules also prescribe such conduct as well.

violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:3308.

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 18 day of July
2011.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY: Mark H. Dawson MD
MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.
President

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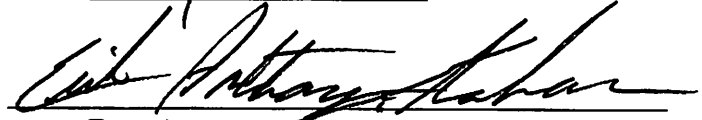
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STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF East Baton Rouge

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, ERIK ANTHONY STRAHAN, A.T.H., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 8th day of July, 2011.

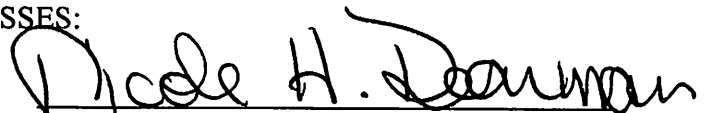

ERIK ANTHONY STRAHAN, A.T.H.

WITNESSES:


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Signature

Nicole H. Dearman
Printed Name

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 8th day of July, 2011, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Gregory D. Callihan
Notary Public (Printed Name) and Seal


Notary (Signature) & Bar/Notary No.

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