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## BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE

IN RE: **LAUREN E. TIDWELL, R.N., L.N.P.**  
**License No.: 0024-170342**

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine ("Committee of the Joint Boards") and Lauren E. Tidwell, R.N., L.N.P., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Tidwell's license to practice as a nurse practitioner in Virginia.

The Committee of the Joint Boards adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Lauren E. Tidwell, R.N., L.N.P., was issued License No. 0001-237315 to practice professional nursing on May 23, 2012. Ms. Tidwell was issued License No. 0024-170342 to practice as a nurse practitioner with a specialty of certified registered nurse anesthetist on August 30, 2012. Said licenses expired on August 31, 2013, were renewed on September 6, 2013, and currently expire on August 31, 2015.
2. From August 31, 2013 to September 5, 2013, Ms. Tidwell practiced as a nurse practitioner on an expired license at Mary Immaculate Hospital, through Virginia Anesthesia and Perioperative Care Specialists ("VAPCS"), Newport News, Virginia.
3. Ms. Tidwell provided anesthesia on 12 surgical cases. Her employment with VAPCS was terminated on September 9, 2013, which resulted in the automatic termination of her clinical privileges at Mary Immaculate Hospital.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of §§ 54.1-2957(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC 90-30-220(4) of the Emergency Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners.

**CONSENT**

Lauren E. Tidwell, R.N., L.N.P., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Committee of the Joint Boards, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Committee of the Joint Boards;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice as a nurse practitioner in Virginia.

**ORDER**

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Committee of the Joint Boards, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Lauren E. Tidwell, R.N., L.N.P., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Tidwell shall pay a MONETARY PENALTY of \$100.00 to the Committee of the Joint Boards within 90 days of the entry of this Order.
3. Ms. Tidwell shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a nurse practitioner commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-2957 *et seq.* of the Code and the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners.

4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting nurse practitioner practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Lauren E. Tidwell, R.N., L.N.P., and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying upon request.

FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS

*Alaina Mitchell-Lively*  
for Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.  
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: *May 29, 2015*

Certified True Copy

By *Stacy G. [Signature]*  
Virginia Board of Nursing

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Lauren E. Tidwell  
Lauren E. Tidwell, R.N., L.N.P.

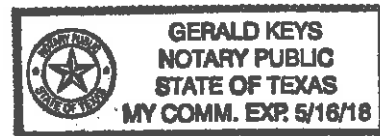
STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY/CITY OF Houston, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Lauren E. Tidwell  
April 15, 2015, a Notary Public, this 15 day of April, 2015.

My commission expires 5-16-18.

Registration Number 12982014-9.

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC



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By [Signature]  
Virginia Board of Nursing