

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: SAHARA CHOWYUK, R.N. APPLICANT**

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Sahara Chowyuk, as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Chowyuk's application for licensure by examination to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Sahara Chowyuk submitted an application for licensure by examination to practice professional nursing in Virginia on April 11, 2013, declaring Virginia as her primary state of residence.
2. On July 6, 2010, in the Chesapeake, Virginia, General District Court, Ms. Chowyuk was convicted of petit larceny, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. The court sentenced Ms. Chowyuk to 90 days' incarceration, with 90 days suspended, and ordered her to pay a fine and costs.
3. Ms. Chowyuk presented evidence that she paid the fine and costs associated with the above conviction.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").
2. Ms. Chowyuk otherwise meets the requirements of § 54.1-3017 of the Code.

**CONSENT**

Sahara Chowyuk, 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 Board, 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 Board;

6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her application for licensure to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The application of Sahara Chowyuk for licensure by examination as a professional nurse is APPROVED. Upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN examination, Ms. Chowyuk shall be issued an unrestricted license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

2. Ms. Chowyuk is hereby REPRIMANDED.

3. Ms. Chowyuk shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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 BOARD

Jay P. Douglas  
Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.  
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Sahara Chowyuk  
Sahara Chowyuk

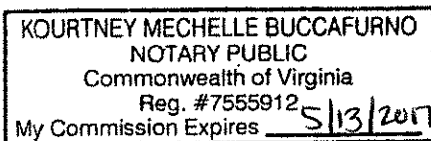
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY/CITY OF Virginia Beach TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Kourtney Buccafurno a Notary Public, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

My commission expires 5/13/2017.

Registration Number 7555912.

Kourtney Buccafurno  
NOTARY PUBLIC



Notarized in the City of Virginia  
Beach, State of Virginia