

Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy
State of Louisiana

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Ms. Lisa M. Johnson
203 Davis Jones Road
West Monroe, LA 71292

RE: Notice of Board Action - Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy License No LA6005

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This letter will serve as notice from the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy ("Board") that after review of the evidence submitted by the Complaint Investigative Officer (CIO) at a formal disciplinary hearing held on October 21, 2016, the Board has ruled as follows:

Violations found: It was determined by the Board that you engaged in activities with a client or former client that were in violation of the following Board Rules which are found in LAC 46: XLIV:

Chapter 9 – §901 Code of Ethics

(A) "A massage therapist shall: . . . (12) "refrain, under all circumstances, from initiating or engaging in any romantic or sexual conduct, sexual activities, or sexual behavior involving a client even if the client attempts to pursue a sexual relationship"

Chapter 31 – Conduct of Massage Therapist Toward Client
§3101 Prohibition of Sexual Activity

...

(C) "No massage therapist shall engage in sexual activity with a current client of the therapist".

(D) "No massage therapist shall engage in sexual activity with a former client of the therapist within three months after cessation of professional services".

Chapter 53 – Misconduct and Negligence in the Practice of Massage Therapy

§5301 Unprofessional Conduct: (A) "The following acts shall constitute misconduct in the practice of massage therapy or incorrect practice of massage for which disciplinary penalties may be imposed: . . . (4) Engaging in or attempting or offering to engage a client in sexual activity, including and genital contact, as provided under §3101 of this Part".

Sanctions Imposed: After review of the evidence, including the fact that your individual Massage Therapist license expired on March 31, 2016 and has not been renewed, the Board made the assumption that you have not been engaging in the practice of massage therapy since that date, a period in excess of six months, which the Board believed to be an appropriate period of suspension. The Board imposed a fine in the amount of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500)** which amount must be paid before you will be eligible for licensure as a massage therapist in the State of Louisiana. The payment of the fine is in addition to any other reinstatement fees or costs usually associated with obtaining a therapist licensed in the State of Louisiana. In addition, if your individual massage therapist license is renewed, you will be

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considered to be under probationary status for six months after the renewal date and should there be any additional violations of board statutes or rules within that six-month period you may be subject to revocation or other disciplinary action which may include being declared permanently ineligible for licensure in Louisiana.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, feel free to contact the Board office.

Regards,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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