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WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL IMAGING  
AND RADIATION THERAPY  
TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS,  
Complainant,

Ethics File No. 05-FY-2017

v.

Heather Straight,  
Respondent,

## CONSENT DECREE AND ORDER

### FINDINGS OF FACT

The West Virginia Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology Board of Examiners (Board), has instituted an investigation into allegations that certain conduct by you may constitute a violation of West Virginia Code West Virginia Code ' 30-23-1 *et seq.* and/or the legislative rules promulgated thereunder. The Board has made a finding of probable cause to file a complaint for disciplinary action.

The Findings of Fact are as follows:

1. The Board is a regulatory Board created for the purpose of regulating the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy profession. West Virginia Code ' 30-23-1 *et seq.*
2. In order to carry out its regulatory duties, the Board is empowered to suspend, revoke or otherwise discipline a licensee's Medical Imaging license pursuant to W. Va. Code ' 30-23-24 and W. Va. Code R. ' 18-3-3.4.
3. Respondent held a license as a Medical Imaging Technologist, License No. 3585, which lapsed on October 31, 2016.
4. During all times pertinent herein, Respondent was employed as a Medical Imaging Technologist at Manchin Clinic, PO Box 29, 100 Main Street, Farmington, WV, 26571.
5. The Respondent performed procedures as a Medical Imaging Technologist for 3585 while the license was lapsed.
6. Respondent admits the oversight of failing to renew the license. Moreover, Respondent has since renewed the license with the appropriate fee attached.
7. That the Board at its November 28, 2016 Board Meeting, voted to find probable cause for a violation of W. Va. Code ' 30-23-2 and W. Va. Code R. ' 18-1-4.4.
8. Respondent's actions violated W. Va. Code ' 30-23-2 and W. Va. Code R. ' 18-1-4.4.



CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to W. Va. Code ' 30-23 *et seq.*, the Board is the duly constituted state entity empowered to regulate the practice of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology in the state of West Virginia, and has jurisdiction to take disciplinary action against the Respondent.
2. Based upon the allegations set out above in the *Findings of Fact* section, and pursuant to W. Va. Code ' 30-23-24 the Board may revoke, suspend, or otherwise discipline any license to practice Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology upon proof of certain enumerated infractions. Specifically, W. Va. Code ' 30-23-2 provides for the discipline of a license if such licensee is not properly licensed pursuant to the Board's statute and regulations.
3. The Board has the authority, pursuant to W. Va. Code R. ' 18-1-4.8, to levy penalties for working on an expired license.
4. The Board concludes that the above-stated *Findings of Fact* support the sanction of disciplinary action pursuant to W. Va. Code ' 30-23-2 and W. Va. Code R. ' 18-1-4.4.

CONSENT

Heather Straight, License No. 3585 by signing hereon, agrees to the following:

1. That I have had the opportunity to consult with counsel and execute this Consent Agreement voluntarily, freely, without compulsion or duress and mindful that it has legal consequences.
2. That no person or entity has made any promise or given any inducement whatsoever to encourage me to make this settlement other than as set forth herein.
3. That I acknowledge that I am aware that I may pursue this matter through appropriate administrative and/or court proceedings, and I am aware of my legal rights regarding this matter, but intelligently, knowingly and voluntarily waive such rights.
4. That I waive any defenses including, but not limited to, laches, statute of limitations, and estoppel, that I may have otherwise claimed as a condition of this agreement.



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5. That I acknowledge that the execution of this document constitutes disciplinary action by the Board. It is therefore considered to be public information, and information regarding this matter is available to any employer, prospective employer, or any other individual who may inquire as to the license status.
6. That I admit that my actions were a violation of the statute and rules of the Board.

**ORDER**

On the basis of the foregoing, the Board does hereby **ORDER** and **DECREE** that:

1. Respondent shall be assessed a monetary penalty in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (**\$500.00**) for the period of time which the Respondent was employed without a current license and performed the duties of a Medical Imaging Technologist for a total of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Said penalty shall be in accordance with the following terms:
  - a. A civil fine in the amount of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00);
  - b. Administrative costs in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
2. The total amount due the Board by the Respondent, therefore, equals Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). This amount shall be payable to the Board according to the terms contained in "Attachment A", which accompanies this Order and is made part thereof.
3. The Board is bound by agreement and law to report the results of all disciplinary actions, including the instant matter, for posting to the Board's web page and to the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office for publishing in the "STATE REGISTER".
4. This document is a public record as defined in W. Va. Code ' 29B-1-2(4).
5. This ORDER constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.
6. Respondent acknowledges that failure to comply with this ORDER may result in additional disciplinary action, including failure to submit timely payments in accordance with the agreed upon schedule identified as "Attachment A".



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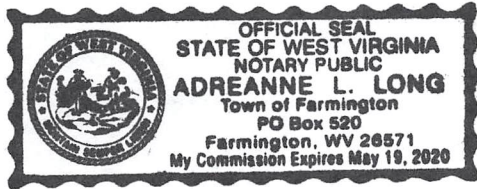
AGREED TO BY Heather Straight:

Heather Straight 12/8/16  
SIGNATURE DATE

Sworn and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

My commission expires:

19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020  
Adreanne L. Long 12/8/2016  
NOTARY SIGNATURE DATE



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Entered this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December,  
2016

RADIATION

WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL IMAGING AND  
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By Tuanyia Layton  
Tuanyia Layton, Board Chair



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### STATEMENT OF CHARGES

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The charges are as follows:

1. That the Board is a regulatory Board created for the purpose of regulating the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Profession. West Virginia Code ' 30-23-1 *et seq.*
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3. That the Respondent held a license as a Medical Imaging Technologist, 3585, which lapsed on October 31, 2016.
4. That during all times pertinent herein, Respondent was employed as a Medical Imaging Technologist at Manchin Clinic, 100 Main Street, Farmington, WV .
5. That between November 1, 2016 and November 8, 2016, the Respondent performed procedures as a Medical Imaging Technologist at Manchin Clinic, while the license was lapsed.
6. Complainant inquired of Manchin Clinic, as to Respondent's work status and was informed that Respondent was an employee and had performed the duties of a Medical Imaging Technologist after October 31, 2016, when the license expired. Moreover, Respondent has since renewed the license with the appropriate fee attached.
7. That the Board at its November 28, 2016 Board Meeting, voted to find probable cause for a violation of W. Va. Code ' 30-23-2 and W. Va. Code R. ' 18-1-4.4.
8. That those acts described in Paragraphs three through six, if proven to be true, would constitute a violation of W. Va. Code ' 30-23-2 and W. Va. Code R. ' 18-1-4.4.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuanya Layton, Board Chair