



Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

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New Board Members (00-10-86)

Gov Mike Foster recently announced six appointments to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

- *District 1:* **Joseph L. Adams**, who practices at Walgreen's Pharmacy No. 03990 in Covington, replaces **George L. Boudreaux**, who completed 12 years of service to the Board.
- *District 3:* **Richard J. Oubre**, who practices at Eckerd Drugs No. 0523 in LaPlace, replaces **Blake P. Pitre**, who completed 24 years of service.
- *District 4:* **Lois R. Anderson**, who practices at Louisiana State University Medical Center Hospital in Shreveport, replaces **Willie R. Seal**, who completed 24 years of service.
- *District 5:* **T. Morris Rabb**, who practices at Glenwood Regional Medical Center in West Monroe, was reappointed.
- *District 7:* **Larry J. Lantier, Jr**, who practices at Albertson's No. 2720 in Lafayette, replaces **Charles D. Trahan**, who completed 14 years of service.
- *District 8:* **Brian A. Bond**, who practices at LaSalle General Hospital in Jena, replaces **Lee C. Foster, Jr**, who completed 40 years of service. The Board welcomes the five new members and salutes their predecessors for over a century of service to the Board.

New Addition to Board Staff (00-10-87)

Following the retirement of Chief Inspector Fred Shiel this past summer, the Board evaluated its needs with respect to the Compliance Division. The inspectors have increasingly relied on legal counsel guidance for inspection and investigative procedures, case preparation for administrative hearing, and interpretation of state and federal laws pertaining to pharmacy.

On July 24, the Board hired Carlos M. Finalet, III as General Counsel. Mr Finalet has been an assistant attorney general for the past five years, and has provided legal services

to the Board on a contractual basis for the last four years. We are confident that he will prove to be a valuable addition to the office staff. Welcome aboard, Carlos!

Year 2001 Registration Renewal (00-10-88)

The Board office will begin printing pharmacist license and pharmacy permit renewal applications on October 17. Any address changes submitted to our office on or after October 16 will not be reflected on your renewal applications. We will mail all pharmacist and pharmacy renewal applications on October 27.

If you do not receive your renewal application on or before November 15, it is **your** responsibility to pursue obtaining a renewal application. Applications have been provided to all pharmacists-in-charge (PIC) for placement at page 336.9 in the law book. We suggest you make a copy of the form and then return the original form to the book for future use. A copy of the renewal form can also be obtained from our Web site at www.labp.com.

Pharmacist License Renewal

- License expires December 31; pharmacists may not practice with expired licenses.
- If you need a current renewal on or before January 1, 2001, we suggest you submit your completed application and \$75 fee to the Board office on or before December 1, 2000.
- The renewal of an expired license will incur a 100% penalty, as well as a lapsed license reinstatement fee, resulting in a total charge of \$350.

Pharmacy Permit Renewal

- Permit expires December 31; pharmacies may not operate with expired permits.
- Completed application and \$100 permit fee (and \$25 Controlled Dangerous Substances [CDS] permit fee, if needed) due in Board office on or before December 1.

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→ After January 15, the renewal of an expired permit will incur a 50% penalty, resulting in a total charge of \$150 (and \$37.50 for CDS permit, if needed).

Pharmacists, Technicians, and Students (00-10-89)

If you are a pharmacist-in-charge (PIC), you must at all times ensure that all personnel you allow to function in your prescription department performing pharmacist functions are properly licensed, certified, or in possession of a valid work permit (student pharmacist or pharmacy technician applicant).

If you are a staff pharmacist or relief pharmacist, it is your obligation to ensure that the employees assisting you in the prescription dispensing process are legally able to perform their duties during your shift. If an inspection or investigation occurs while you are on duty and unqualified persons are performing duties under your supervision, then you will be responsible to the Board in the investigative report filed by the inspector.

Limited Prescriptive and Distributing Authority for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (00-10-90)

The Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners have promulgated a rule that permits Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) licensed by the Board of Nursing to enter into collaborative practice agreements with physicians licensed by the Board of Medical Examiners. The agreements shall adhere to guidelines jointly approved by both boards. An APRN with limited prescriptive authority may prescribe drugs and therapeutic devices as indicated by clinical practice guidelines and the parameters of the collaborative practice agreement.

An APRN granted limited prescriptive and distributing authority shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and rules in prescribing, distributing, and administering drugs. Each order for a prescription, whether oral or written, shall include the following information:

1. the name, office address, telephone number, RN designation, and specialty area of the APRN and the identification number assigned to the APRN by the Board of Nursing;
2. the collaborating physician's name and primary office address;
3. the date the prescription is ordered and the patient's name; and
4. an indication if generic interchange is acceptable to the APRN and physician. If this information is not provided, interchange, where legally allowable, may occur if the patient accepts the generic product.

Important Dates (00-10-91)

The dates of the November Board meeting have been changed to November 28-29; the meetings will be held in the Board office. The office will be closed on the following days:

- November 10 (Veterans Day);
- November 23 (Thanksgiving Day);
- November 24 (Acadiana Day); and
- December 25 (Christmas Day).

Disciplinary Actions (00-10-92)

During its Administrative Hearing on August 17, the Board took final action on the following cases. Although every effort is made to ensure the information is correct, you should check with the Board (225/925-6496) to verify the accuracy of the listing before making any decision based on this information.

Ramona S. Ainsworth (License No. 15822) Voluntary Consent Agreement: The Board suspended the license for one year, then suspended the suspension, and placed the license on probation for one year, ending August 17, 2001; license was also assessed \$1,000. *Charges:* departed from or failed to conform to minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing pharmacy practice.

Elise S. Anclade (CPT No. 3629) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Certificate assessed \$350 and placed on probation for one year, ending June 28, 2001. *Charges:* practiced or assisted in the practice of pharmacy in violation of pharmacy rules or regulations; pharmacy personnel performing pharmacy technician functions shall hold a current pharmacy technician certificate from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

Jennifer Beeler (CPT No. 4109) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Certificate placed on probation for one year, ending May 3, 2001. *Charges:* practiced or assisted in the practice of pharmacy in violation of any pharmacy rules and regulations.

Alphe J. Bower (License No. 9873) Voluntary Consent Agreement: The Board suspended the license for one year, then suspended the suspension, and placed the license on probation for one year, ending May 3, 2001; license was also assessed \$2,000. *Charges:* practiced or assisted in the practice of pharmacy in violation of pharmacy rules or regulations; failure to perform proper prospective drug use review to identify over-utilization; failure to perform proper prospective drug use review to identify clinical abuse/misuse; has departed from or failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing pharmacy practice, whether or not actual injury to a patient has occurred.

Brookshire Bros. Pharmacy No. 47 (Permit No. 2968) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Permit owner assessed \$2,500, and permit placed on probation for one year, ending May 3, 2001. *Charges:* departed from or failed to conform to minimal standard of acceptable and prevailing pharmacy practice, whether or not actual injury to a patient has occurred.

William J. Burchfield (License No. 11027) Voluntary Consent Agreement: The Board suspended the license for one year, then suspended the suspension, and placed the license on probation for one year, end-

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ing May 3, 2001; license was also assessed \$2,000. *Charges:* practiced or assisted in the practice of pharmacy in violation of pharmacy rules or regulations; failure to perform proper prospective drug use review to identify over-utilization; failure to perform proper prospective drug use review to identify clinical abuse/misuse; has departed from or failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing pharmacy practice, whether or not actual injury to a patient has occurred.

Debora A. Crippin (CPT No. 2139) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Certificate revoked. *Charges:* unlawful to dispense or distribute a Schedule II controlled substance except as authorized; unlawful to dispense or distribute a Schedule III controlled substance except as authorized; unlawful to dispense or distribute a Schedule IV controlled substance except as authorized; a legend drug must only be dispensed by a pharmacist on the order of a licensed practitioner.

Eckerd Drugs No. 2429 (Permit No. 3707) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Permit owner assessed \$2,000. *Charges:* practiced or assisted in the practice of pharmacy, or knowingly permitted or has permitted anyone in his employ or under his supervision to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy, in violation of any pharmacy rules or regulations.

Eckerd Drugs No. 3817 (Permit No. 3967) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Permit owner assessed \$2,000. *Charges:* practiced or assisted in the practice of pharmacy, or knowingly permitted or has permitted anyone in his employ or under his supervision to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy in violation of any pharmacy rules or regulations; failure to perform prospective drug use review to identify over-utilization; failure to perform prospective drug use review to identify clinical abuse/misuse.

Grand Coteau Prescription Shoppe (Permit No. 1889) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Permit placed on probation for three years, ending February 15, 2003; permit owner assessed \$250. *Charges:* conviction of felony theft.

Thomas M. Griffith (License No. 8981) Voluntary Consent Agreement: License assessed \$1,000. *Charges:* knowingly permitted or has permitted anyone in his employ or under his supervision to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy in violation of pharmacy rules or regulations.

Benjamin R. Guillory (License No. 14934) Voluntary Consent Agreement: License assessed \$500. *Charges:* knowingly permitted or has permitted anyone in his employ or under his supervision to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy in violation of pharmacy rules or regulations; a work permit must be issued for an intern to perform pharmacist's functions.

Priscilla Istre (CPT No. 1343) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Certificate assessed \$250 and placed on

probation for one year, ending May 3, 2001. *Charges:* practiced or assisted in the practice of pharmacy in violation of any pharmacy rules and regulations.

Demetria M. Ketchens (CPT No. 1677) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Certificate assessed \$250 and placed on probation for one year, ending June 28, 2001. *Charges:* practiced or assisted in the practice of pharmacy in violation of pharmacy rules or regulations; assisted in the practice of pharmacy without a current certificate.

K-Mart Pharmacy No. 7114 (Permit No. 2225) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Permit owner assessed \$2,000. *Charges:* knowingly permitted or has permitted anyone in his employ or under his supervision to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy in violation of pharmacy rules or regulations; pharmacy personnel performing pharmacy technician functions shall hold a current pharmacy technician certificate from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

Jason Lisotta (CPT No. 3733) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Certificate assessed \$250 and placed on probation for one year, ending May 3, 2001. *Charges:* pharmacy personnel performing pharmacy technician functions in a pharmacy shall hold a current pharmacy technician certificate from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

Pharmaceuticals Southwest (Permit No. 4216) Formal Hearing: The Board revoked the permit and assessed the permit owner \$100,000. *Charges:* permit has evaded local, state, and federal laws pertaining to the practice of pharmacy; must provide an adequate inventory for prescription compounding and dispensing; unlawful to refuse or fail to keep or furnish any record, invoice, or information required; pharmacy records shall be available and readily retrievable for inspection and review during regular working hours; pharmacy is accountable for all legal drug transactions consisting of acquisition, disposition, and inventory records; registrant is authorized to return Schedule IV controlled substances to supplier provided a written record is maintained; there shall be adequate protection of prescription department through installation of secured entrances; legend drugs shall be procured and possessed by a pharmacy permittee for the legitimate dispensing by a pharmacist in the course of practice, unless otherwise provided by law; notice shall be required upon the resignation of the pharmacist-in-charge or the closure of the pharmacy.

Hilton J. Prudhomme, Jr (License No. 14041) Formal Hearing: The Board revoked the license and assessed the respondent \$5,000 plus costs. *Charges:* practiced pharmacy in violation of pharmacy rules or regulations; has engaged in the practice of pharmacy without a license.

Rite Aid Pharmacy No. 7300 (Permit No. 1478) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Permit owner assessed \$250. *Charges:* knowingly permitted or has permitted anyone in his employ or under his supervision to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy in violation of pharmacy rules or regulations; a work permit must be issued for an intern to perform pharmacist's functions.

Jerrold W. Smith (License No. 10165) Voluntary Consent Agreement: License assessed \$500. *Charges:* practiced or

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assisted in the practice of pharmacy, or knowingly permitted or has permitted anyone in his employ or under his supervision to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy, in violation of any pharmacy rules or regulations.

Addie V. Villavasso (License No. 14586) Voluntary Consent Agreement: License assessed \$500. *Charges:* practiced or assisted in the practice of pharmacy, or knowingly permitted or has permitted anyone in his employ or under his supervision to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy in violation of pharmacy rules or regulations; has engaged, or aided or abetted a person to engage in the practice of pharmacy without a license, registration, certificate, permit or any other designation deemed necessary to engage in the practice of pharmacy.

Alan Vines (License No. 8376) Voluntary Consent Agreement: License assessed \$1,000 and placed on probation for one year, ending May 3, 2001. *Charges:* practiced or assisted in the practice of pharmacy, or knowingly permitted or has permitted anyone in his employ or under his supervision to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy, in violation of any pharmacy rules and regulations.

Walgreen's Louisiana Pharmacy No. 110-01948 (Permit No. 2209) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Permit owner assessed \$1,000. *Charges:* departed from or failed to conform to minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing pharmacy practice, whether or not actual injury to a patient has occurred.

Paul W. Williams, Jr (License No. 11089) Voluntary Consent Agreement: License placed on probation for three years, ending February 15, 2003; license also assessed \$250. *Charges:* conviction of felony theft.

Winn Dixie Pharmacy No. 1417 (Permit No. 2182) Voluntary Consent Agreement: Permit owner assessed \$2,000. *Charges:* knowingly permitted or has permitted anyone in his employ or under his supervision to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy in violation of pharmacy rules or regulations; has engaged, or aided or abetted a person to engage in the practice of pharmacy without

a license, registration, certificate, permit, or any other designation deemed necessary to engage in the practice of pharmacy.

In addition, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of two licenses from impaired pharmacists, approved two requests for modification of probation, approved three requests for reinstatement on probation, and denied two requests for reinstatement.

Special Note (00-10-93)

The *Louisiana Board of Pharmacy News* is considered an official method of notification to pharmacists and certified pharmacy technicians licensed by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. **These newsletters will be used in hearings as proof of notification.** Please read them carefully and keep them for future reference.

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