

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

In Re:

**Celeste Snidow
(License No. 09506)**

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**ORDER REINSTATING LICENSE
WITH CONDITIONS**

THIS MATTER was heard on February 16, 2010, by the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy (“Board”) located at 6015 Farrington Road, Suite 201, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, upon the request of Celeste Snidow (“Petitioner”) for reinstatement of her license to practice pharmacy. Board members McLaughlin, Dennis, Nelson, Chesson, Haywood and Chater heard this matter. After hearing the testimony of witnesses, adjudging the credibility of the witnesses, and receiving evidence, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner formerly held North Carolina license to practice pharmacy number 09506.
2. On December 6, 2006, Board staff received a report from North Carolina Pharmacist Recovery Network (“NCPRN”) that Petitioner had been an anonymous participant in that program for treatment of alcohol abuse and abuse of Ambien (a Schedule IV controlled substance). NCPRN reported that patient was non-compliant with her treatment and monitoring obligations.
3. On December 7, 2006, Petitioner voluntarily surrendered her license to practice pharmacy to a Board investigator sent to investigate the report.

4. From approximately April 2006 to July 2006, Petitioner was treated for her substance abuse problems at the Farley Center in Williamsburg, Virginia. Petitioner was successfully discharged from the Farley Center.
5. Petitioner began abusing alcohol again in December 2006 and attributes that relapse to stress brought on by the death of a close friend.
6. Following the December 7, 2006 surrender of her license, Petitioner entered an eight-week course of treatment at the Pavillon Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center.
7. Upon completing her program at Pavillon, Petitioner entered intensive outpatient treatment at Pia's Place in Arizona. Petitioner did not successfully complete her outpatient program at Pia's Place. She was asked to leave. Petitioner admits that she relapsed into alcohol abuse due to dissatisfaction with the program at Pia's Place and her desire to "control" her treatment program.
8. After being asked to leave Pia's Place, Petitioner checked herself into the Ranch, an alcohol and drug treatment center in Tennessee. The Ranch was not a program recommended for Petitioner by NCPRN at that time.
9. Petitioner admits to another relapse into alcohol abuse in January 2008, which Petitioner attributes to stress brought on by the sudden illness and death of her father.
10. Shortly afterward, Petitioner, at NCPRN's direction, checked into Alina Lodge, a treatment program for patients who have exhibited chronic relapse behavior. Petitioner completed a nine-and-a-half month inpatient program there and was discharged in December 2008.

11. After her discharge from Alina Lodge, Petitioner successfully completed a three-month (seven weeks inpatient/five weeks inpatient) follow-on program at the Wayside House in Florida.
12. After successfully completing the Wayside House program, Petitioner engaged with an NCPRN treatment and monitoring program. Her current program includes several Alcoholics Anonymous meetings weekly, sponsor meetings, professional group therapy, and individual therapy.
13. NCPRN reports that Petitioner is fully compliant with her monitoring and treatment obligations. Petitioner attributes her current success in treating and managing her substance abuse issues to finally accepting the fact of the problem, the need for treatment, and the understanding that she can and should seek help whenever she needs it. NCPRN concurs with Petitioner's assessment.
14. Both Petitioner and NCPRN testified that Petitioner is now well equipped to deal with stress issues that previously caused relapse behavior, and has demonstrated her ability to do so over a period of many months.
15. NCPRN believes that Petitioner is safe to resume the practice of pharmacy with appropriate conditions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Petitioner has demonstrated that she has been in a period of successful recovery and compliance with her NCPRN contract. The Board, in its discretion, concludes that Petitioner can safely resume the practice of pharmacy with the conditions stated below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Petitioner's license to practice pharmacy is REINSTATED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. Petitioner shall successfully complete her NCPRN contract, which shall be renewed to extend five (5) years from the date of this Order.
2. Petitioner shall advise the Board promptly in writing of any change of address or change in practice status.
3. Petitioner shall obtain prior approval of all employment as a pharmacist from the Board's Executive Director.
4. Prior to the commencement of the practice of pharmacy, Petitioner shall submit documentation of her current continuing education hours to the Board's Executive Director.
5. Within three (3) months of Petitioner's receipt of this Order, she shall take and pass the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam ("MPJE"), which is administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.
6. Prior to commencing the independent practice of pharmacy, Petitioner shall acquire 600 hours of practical experience (internship) hours under the supervision of a North Carolina licensed pharmacist.
7. Petitioner shall not serve as pharmacist manager of any pharmacy.
8. Petitioner shall not serve as a preceptor of pharmacy students.
9. Petitioner may not be employed as a pharmacist more than 30 hours per week. This limitation may be extended at the discretion of the Executive Director of NCPRN.
10. Petitioner shall be subject to unannounced drug screens to be performed at her expense by the Board or its agents, and shall supply urine, blood, hair, nail, or any other bodily fluid or tissue sample required for the screening.

Results of the screening shall not disclose the presence of any controlled substance, prescription drug, or alcohol that was not previously prescribed for Petitioner by a practitioner acting in the normal course of medical treatment of Petitioner.

11. Petitioner shall authorize NCPRN, and any treating physician or other health-care provider to release Petitioner's medical records to the Board.
12. Petitioner shall violate no laws governing the practice of pharmacy or the distribution of drugs.
13. Petitioner shall violate no rules or regulations of the Board.
14. If Petitioner fails to comply with any term or condition of this Order, Petitioner may be subject to additional disciplinary action by the Board.

This is the 16th day of February, 2010.

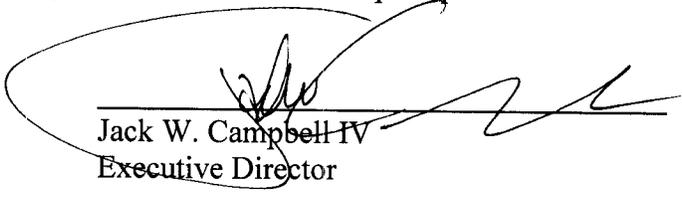
NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: _____

Jack W. Campbell IV
Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on February 18, 2010, I caused a copy of this Order Reinstating License With Conditions to be served on Petitioner by registered mail, return-receipt requested.



Jack W. Campbell IV
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