#### IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, <i>ex rel</i> .	)
THE OKLAHOMA BOARD	)
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE	)
AND SUPERVISION,	)
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Plaintiff,	)
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v.	)
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PAUL ROGER LAM, P.T.,	)
LICENSE NO. PT2651	)
	)
Defendant.	)

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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No: 14-03-4925

### ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION

Plaintiff, the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision ("Board"), by and through its attorney, Jason T. Seay, Assistant Attorney General, for the State of Oklahoma and the staff of the Board, as represented by the Secretary of the Board, Gerald C. Zumwalt, M.D., and the Executive Director of the Board, Lyle Kelsey, and the Defendant, Paul Roger Lam, P.T., Oklahoma Physical Therapist License No. PT2651, who appears in person, offer this Agreement effective July 17, 2014, for acceptance by the Board *en banc* pursuant to Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-5.1.

By voluntarily submitting to jurisdiction and entering into this Order, the Defendant pleads guilty to the allegations in the Complaint and Citation filed herein on May 23, 2014, and further acknowledges that a hearing before the Board would result in some sanction under the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act ("Act").

The Defendant, Paul Roger Lam, P.T., states that he is of sound mind and is not under the influence of, or impaired by, any medication or drug and that he fully recognizes his right to appear before the Board for an evidentiary hearing on the allegations made against him. The Defendant hereby voluntarily waives his right to a full hearing, submits to the jurisdiction of the Board and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Order. The Defendant acknowledges that he has read and understands the terms and conditions stated herein, and that this Agreement has been reviewed and discussed with him.

#### **Agreements and Stipulations**

The Plaintiff, the Defendant and the Board staff stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. This Board is the duly authorized State agency empowered to license and oversee the activities of physical therapists in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act, 59 O.S. 2011 & Supp. 2013, §§ 480-518.1, and the Physical Therapy Practice Act, 59 O.S. 2011 & Supp. 2012, §§ 887.1-887.18.
- 2. The Defendant holds Physical Therapist License No. PT2651 issued by this Board in 1997. The acts and omissions taken by the Defendant and set forth herein were conducted within the territorial confines of the State of Oklahoma and concern violations of the Physical Therapy Practice Act and this Board's administrative regulations associated therewith.

## **Current Allegations of Unprofessional Conduct**

- 3. The Defendant electronically signed and transmitted to this Board a completed Application for Renewal of Oklahoma License as a Physical Therapist on January 1, 2014 (the "Application"). The Defendant represented that the representations he made on the Application were true and correct.
- 4. On the Application, the Defendant disclosed that he was arrested for, charged, with, or convicted of a traffic violation involving the use of any drug or chemical substance, including alcohol.
- 5. The Defendant was first arrested on or about January 19, 2012 for aggravated driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor, in Garfield County, Oklahoma. The Defendant was criminally charged for this offense, in *State v. Lam*, CM-2012-90 (Garfield County, Okla.). The Defendant reported this first arrest and charge to this Board in 2013.
- 6. The Defendant was subsequently arrested on or about May 8, 2013 for the second offense of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a felony, in Garfield County, Oklahoma. The Defendant was criminally charged for this offense, in *State v. Lam*, CF-2013-242 (Garfield County, Okla.). The charge was reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor offense, to which the Defendant ultimately pleaded no contest.

# **Conclusions of Law**

7. Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct by:

- a. Engaging in conduct unbecoming a person licensed as a physical therapist, and conduct detrimental to the best interests of the public or the Defendant's profession in violation of 59 O.S. 2011, § 887.13(9);
- b. Engaging in acts in conflict with the ethics of the Defendant's profession in violation of 59 O.S. 2011, § 887.13(10);
- c. Pleading no contest to a felony or misdemeanor in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:20-5-8(26); and
- d. Engaging in habitual intemperance that could result in behavior that interferes with the practice of physical therapy and the Defendant's professional responsibilities in violation of Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:20-5-8(2), (13).

#### Order

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

- 1. The Board *en banc* hereby adopts the agreement of the parties in this Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction;
- The Defendant shall sign a contract with the Allied Health Professionals Program, ("APPA"), and said contract shall remain in effect for a minimum of five (5) years;
- 3. The Defendant is hereby PUBLICALLY REPRIMANDED;
- 4. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 509.1(A)(9), Defendant shall pay all reasonable costs expended by the Board for any legal fees and costs, as well as investigatory costs, including but not limited to staff time, salary and travel expense, witness fees and attorney fees; and
- 5. A copy of this Order shall be provided to Defendant as soon as it is processed.

Dated this <u>2612</u> day of <u>June</u>, 2014.

G. David Casper, M.D., President Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

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Paul Roger Lam, PT License No. PT 2651

Gerald C. Zumwalt, M.D., Secretary Oklahoma State Board Of Medical Licensure And Supervision

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## **Certificate of Service**

This is to certify that on this 17th day of Suby, 2014, a true and correct copy of this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction was mailed, with proper postage thereon, to Roger Paul Lam, PT, 13800 North Boomer Road, Enid, OK 73703.

Barbara J. Smith, Legal Assistant