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Tobi Zavala
Interim Executive Director

May 5, 2014

Ms. Pallavi Lal

Dear Ms. Lal:

On May 1, 2014, the Board found that you are not eligible for licensure pursuant to § 32-3275(6) based on its determination that you violated the following:

1. A.R.S. § 32-3251(12)(l), any conduct or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice the licensee's profession.
2. A.R.S. § 32-3251(12)(g), using a controlled substance that is not prescribed for use during a prescribed course of treatment.

These violations were based on the following findings:

1. In 03/12, you were arrested as a result of a dispute with your ex-boyfriend, ("Ex-Boyfriend").
2. The police report regarding this incident indicated the following:
 - a. You showed up at Ex-Boyfriend's house early in the morning.
 - b. Ex-Boyfriend told the police that you had been drinking.
 - c. You had bloodshot, watery eyes and smelled of alcohol.
 - d. You admitted to striking Ex-Boyfriend.
3. Following your arrest, you were charged with:
 - a. Criminal damage to property
 - b. Disorderly conduct
 - c. Prevent/interfere with telephone emergency
4. In 05/12, you were stopped by the police.
5. The police report regarding this incident indicated the following:
 - a. You said you had consumed 2 or 3 margaritas.
 - b. A Breathalyzer test yielded a 0.157% BAC.
 - c. A blood test administered 1 hour and 15 minutes after you were arrested resulted in a BAC of 0.155%.
6. You were arrested for:
 - a. Failure to stop at a red light.
 - b. DUI Liquor/Drugs/Vapors Combo.
 - c. DUI w/ BAC .08 or more.
 - d. Extreme DUI w/ BAC .15-.19.
7. During your Board interview, you indicated the following:
 - a. "I had 3 drinks in 5 or 6 hours."
 - b. Neither the Breathalyzer nor the blood test results were correct.

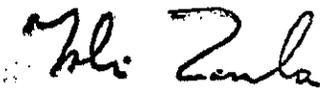
8. Your representation to the police and to the Board that you had a maximum of 3 drinks over 5-6 hours is not credible given that a blood test administered more than 1 hour after your arrest resulted in a BAC of 0.155%.
9. At your weight, you had the equivalent of 4 drinks in your system at the time the blood test was administered.
10. In 01/13, you were arrested in a theater after a security guard ("Security Guard") observed you and a friend ("Friend") in a bathroom stall holding a driver's license with a white powdery substance and a glass pipe.
11. Security Guard observed you and Friend toss the white powder in the toilet and flush it.
12. The police report regarding this incident indicates that you misrepresented to the police that an unknown person handed you and Friend the pipe under the stall.
13. You acknowledge the following:
 - a. You and Friend were using cocaine in the bathroom stall.
 - b. When caught by Security Guard, you brushed the drug off your driver's license and into the toilet.
 - c. You told the police that the pipe was passed to you under the stall.
 - d. You lied because you knew you would be applying for a Board license.
 - e. From 2009 – 2013, you used marijuana sporadically and inconsistently.
 - f. On 01/18/13, you used cocaine for the last time.
 - g. On 12/05/13, you used marijuana for the last time.

Per A.R.S. §41.1092.03.B, you may request a Formal Hearing by notifying the agency in writing within thirty-five (35) days from the date of this letter. If you do request a Formal Hearing, you also have the right, pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1092.06, to request a settlement conference. If you do not request a Formal Hearing by the close of business on June 9, 2014, your file will be closed without further recourse to appeal and the licensure denial will be reported to the federal data banks that record this information. If you desire licensure at a later date, you must submit a new application and fee.

PLEASE BE FURTHER ADVISED that, pursuant to the Board's new licensure statute, as of July 1, 2004, only persons holding licenses to practice professional counseling may do so unless they are exempt from licensure pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3271.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (602) 542-1864.

Sincerely,



Tobi Zavala
Interim Executive Director