### BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In	the	Matter	of the	Accusation	Against:
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Case No. 3517

**IDA SHLALIN** 

P.O. Box 10793 Beverly Hills, CA 90213

Pharmacist License No. RPH 43194

Respondent.

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This decision shall become effective on May 29, 2013.

It is so ORDERED on April 29, 2013.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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STANLEY C. WEISSER Board President

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13	2934 1/2 Beverly Glen Circle, #404 Los Angeles, CA 90077 Pharmacist License No. 43194	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND							
14		DISCIPLINARY ORDER							
15	Respondent.								
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17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGRE	EED by and between the parties to the above-							
18	entitled proceedings that the following matters a	are true:							
19	PAL	RTIES							
20	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.								
21	She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala								
22	D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Desiree Tulleners, Deputy Attorney								
23	General.								
24	2. Respondent Ida Shlain (Respondent	) is represented in this proceeding by attorney							
25	Benjamin J. Fenton, whose address is: Benjamin J. Fenton, Fenton Nelson, LLP, 11835 W.								
26	Olympic Boulevard, 9th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90064, 310 444-5244.								
27	3. On or about March 8, 1990, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License No.								
28	43194 to Ida Shlain (Respondent). The Pharmac	cist License was in full force and effect at all							
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times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3517, and will expire on August 31, 2013, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 4. Accusation No. 3517 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on November 8, 2011.

  Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 5. A copy of Accusation No. 3517 is attached as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3517. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 3517.
- 10. Respondent agrees that her Pharmacist License is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

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CONTINGENCY

- This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent 11. understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

#### DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. 43194 issued to Respondent Ida Shlain (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

#### 1. Obey All Laws

Respondent shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

Respondent shall report any of the following occurrences to the board, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled substances laws
- a plea of guilty or *nolo contendre* in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment
- a conviction of any crime
- discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency
  which involves respondent's pharmacist license or which is related to the practice of
  pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging
  for any drug, device or controlled substance.

Failure to timely report such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 2. Report to the Board

Respondent shall report to the board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other requirements, respondent shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the board.

#### 3. Interview with the Board

Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the board or its designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to board staff, or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

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#### 4. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent shall cooperate with the board's inspection program and with the board's monitoring and investigation of respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of her probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 5. Continuing Education

Respondent shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and knowledge as a pharmacist as directed by the board or its designee.

#### 6. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 3517 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on respondent by the decision, as follows:

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of respondent undertaking any new employment, respondent shall cause her direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during respondent's tenure of employment) and owner to report to the board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read the decision in case number 3517, and terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that her employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

If respondent works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, respondent must notify her direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and owner at every entity licensed by the board of the terms and conditions of the decision in case number 3517 in advance of the respondent commencing work at each licensed entity. A record of this notification must be provided to the board upon request.

Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of respondent undertaking any new employment by or through a pharmacy employment service, respondent shall cause her direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the board in writing acknowledging that she has read the decision in case number 3517

and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to ensure that her employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the board.

Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or to cause that/those employer(s) to submit timely acknowledgments to the board shall be considered a violation of probation.

"Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any full-time, part-time, temporary, relief or pharmacy management service as a pharmacist or any position for which a pharmacist license is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the respondent is an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

# 7. No Supervision of Interns, Serving as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC), Serving as Designated Representative-in-Charge, or Serving as a Consultant

During the period of probation, respondent shall not supervise any intern pharmacist, be the pharmacist-in-charge or designated representative-in-charge of any entity licensed by the board nor serve as a consultant unless otherwise specified in this order. Assumption of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 8. Reimbursement of Board Costs

As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, respondent shall pay to the board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$12,934.50. Respondent shall make said payments according to a payment schedule to be approved by the Board, and complete the final payment within 33 months of the effective date assigned to the Decision and Order adopting this stipulation.

There shall be no deviation from this schedule absent prior written approval by the board or its designee. Failure to pay costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

The filing of bankruptcy by respondent shall not relieve respondent of her responsibility to reimburse the board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

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#### 9. Probation Monitoring Costs

Respondent shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the board on a schedule as directed by the board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 10. Status of License

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current license with the board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. Failure to maintain an active, current license shall be considered a violation of probation.

If respondent's license expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to tolling or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

#### 11. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, should respondent cease practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may tender her license to the board for surrender. The board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of the respondent's license history with the board.

Upon acceptance of the surrender, respondent shall relinquish her pocket and wall license to the board within ten (10) days of notification by the board that the surrender is accepted. Respondent may not reapply for any license from the board for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the board, including any outstanding costs.

# 12. Notification of a Change in Name, Residence Address, Mailing Address or Employment

Respondent shall notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of any change of employment. Said notification shall include the reasons for leaving, the address of the new employer, the name of the supervisor and owner, and the work schedule if known. Respondent shall further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of a change in name, residence address, mailing address, or phone number.

Failure to timely notify the board of any change in employer(s), name(s), address(es), or phone number(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 13. Tolling of Probation

Except during periods of suspension, respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacist in California for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month. Any month during which this minimum is not met shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the period of probation shall be extended by one month for each month during which this minimum is not met. During any such period of tolling of probation, respondent must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation.

Should respondent, regardless of residency, for any reason (including vacation) cease practicing as a pharmacist for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month in California, respondent must notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the cessation of practice, and must further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the resumption of practice. Any failure to provide such notification(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

It is a violation of probation for respondent's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive months, exceeding thirty-six (36) months.

"Cessation of practice" means any calendar month during which respondent is not practicing as a pharmacist for at least 40 hours, as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq. "Resumption of practice" means any calendar

month during which respondent is practicing as a pharmacist for at least 40 hours as a pharmacist as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq.

#### 14. Violation of Probation

If a respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the board shall have continuing jurisdiction over respondent, and probation shall automatically be extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty that was stayed.

If respondent violates probation in any respect, the board, after giving respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. Notice and opportunity to be heard are not required for those provisions stating that a violation thereof may lead to automatic termination of the stay and/or revocation of the license. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against respondent during probation, the board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

#### 15. Completion of Probation

Upon written notice by the board or its designee indicating successful completion of probation, respondent's license will be fully restored.

#### 16. Community Services Program

Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the board or its designee, for prior approval, a community service program in which respondent shall provide free health-care related services on a regular basis to a community or charitable facility or agency for at least 100 hours per year for each year of probation. Within thirty (30) days of board approval thereof, respondent shall submit documentation to the board demonstrating commencement of the community service program. A record of this notification must be provided to the board upon request. Respondent shall report on progress with the community service program in the quarterly reports. Failure to timely submit, commence, or comply with the program shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 17. Remedial Education

Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the board or its designee, for prior approval, an appropriate program of remedial education related to [the grounds for discipline]. The program of remedial education shall consist of at least 10 hours, which shall be completed within the first two years of probation at respondent's own expense. All remedial education shall be in addition to, and shall not be credited toward, continuing education (CE) courses used for license renewal purposes.

Failure to timely submit or complete the approved remedial education shall be considered a violation of probation. The period of probation will be automatically extended until such remedial education is successfully completed and written proof, in a form acceptable to the board, is provided to the board or its designee.

Following the completion of each course, the board or its designee may require the respondent, at her own expense, to take an approved examination to test the respondent's knowledge of the course. If the respondent does not achieve a passing score on the examination, this failure shall be considered a violation of probation. Any such examination failure shall require respondent to take another course approved by the board in the same subject area.

#### 18. No Ownership of Licensed Premises

Respondent shall not own, have any legal or beneficial interest in, or serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the board. Respondent shall sell or transfer any legal or beneficial interest in any entity licensed by the board within ninety (90) days following the effective date of this decision and shall immediately thereafter provide written proof thereof to the board. Failure to timely divest any legal or beneficial interest(s) or provide documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

#### 19. Ethics Course

Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall enroll in a course in ethics, at respondent's expense, approved in advance by the board or its designee. Failure to initiate the course during the first year of probation, and complete it within the second

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year of probation, is a violation of probation.

Respondent shall submit a certificate of completion to the board or its designee within five days after completing the course.

#### ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Benjamin J. Fenton. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

DATED: 10/11/12

DASHLAIN Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Ida Shlain the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 10/11/12

BENJAMIN J. FENTON Attorney for Respondent

### **ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated: October 11,2012

Respectfully submitted,

Kamala D. Harris Attorney General of California GREGORY J. SALUTE Supervising Deputy Attorney General

DESIREE TULLENERS Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3517

KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California 2 GREGORY J. SALUTE Supervising Deputy Attorney General DESIREE TULLENERS 3 Deputy Attorney General 4 State Bar No. 157464 300 So. Spring Street, Suite 1702 5 Los Angeles, CA 90013 Telephone: (213) 897-2578 Facsimile: (213) 897-2804 6 7 Attorneys for Complainant 8 BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY 9 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 3517 12 ACCUSATION **IDA SHLAIN** aka IDA HOVAY 13 P.O. Box 10793 Beverly Hills, CA 90213 14 Original Pharmacist License No. 43194 .15 Respondent. 16 17 Complainant alleges: 18 **PARTIES** 19 Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity 1. 20 as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs. 21 On or about March 8, 1990, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Original 22 Pharmacist License No. 43194 to Ida Shlain (Respondent Shlain). The Pharmacist License was 23 in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein, and will expire on 24 August 31, 2011, unless renewed. 25 III26 27 28

Accusation

#### **JURISDICTION**

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- 5. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- 6. Section 4300 provides, in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.
  - 7. Section 4301 states, in pertinent part:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.

Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.

(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, or any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

(l) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13

 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment."

#### 8. Welfare and Institutions Code section 14123.25, provides in pertinent part:

"(a) In lieu of, or in addition to, the imposition of any other sanction available to it, including the sanctions and penalties authorized under Section 14123.2 or 14171.6, and as the "single state agency" for California vested with authority to administer the Medi-Cal program, the department shall exercise the authority granted to it in Section 1002.2 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and may also impose the mandatory and permissive exclusions identified in Section 1128 of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1320a-7), and its implementing regulations, and impose civil penalties identified in Section 1128A of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1320a-7a), and its implementing regulations, against applicants and providers, as defined in Section 14043.1, or against billing agents, as defined in Section 14040.1. The department may also terminate, or refuse to enter into, a provider agreement authorized under Section 14043.2 with an applicant or provider, as defined in Section 14043.1, upon the grounds specified in Section 1866(b)(2) of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1395cc(b)(2)).

Notwithstanding Section 100171 of the Health and Safety Code or any other provision of law, any appeal by an applicant, provider, or billing agent of the imposition of a civil penalty, exclusion, or other sanction pursuant to this subdivision shall be in accordance with Section 14043.65, except that where the action is based upon a conviction for any crime involving fraud or abuse of the Medi-Cal, Medicaid, or Medicare programs, or an exclusion by the federal government from the Medicaid or Medicare programs, the action shall be automatic and not subject to appeal or hearing."

- 9. United States Code, title 18, section 1035 states:
- "(a) Whoever, in any matter involving a health care benefit program, knowingly and willfully—(1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact; or (2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any materially false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, in connection with the delivery of or payment for health care benefits, items, or services, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.
- (b) As used in this section, the term "health care benefit program" has the meaning given such term in section 24 (b) of this title."

#### REGULATORY PROVISION

10. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, states:

"For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare. . ."

#### COST RECOVERY

11. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of

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the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Criminal Conviction)

- 12. Respondent Shlain is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, 4301, subdivisions (f) and (l), and 490 of the Code, as defined in the California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that, Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a pharmacist, as follows:
- a. On or about December 20, 2005, after pleading guilty, Respondent was convicted of one felony count of violating 18 USC § 1035 [false statement relating to health care matters-class D felony], in the criminal proceeding entitled *U.S. vs. Hovav* (U.S. District Court, Eastern District, 2005, No. CR-03-00126.) The Federal court ordered Respondent to make restitution to the California Department of Health and Human Services of \$46,604.00 and the Center for Medicare and Medi-Cal Services of \$46,604.00, and placed her on probation for a period of 2 years with terms and conditions.

#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Unprofessional Conduct)

13. Respondent Shlain is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivisions (f) and (j), in conjunction with United States Code, title 18, section 1035, and Welfare and Institutions Code section 14123.25, subdivision (a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that she committed acts involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption in violation of the statutes of this state or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs. Specifically, November 16, 2001, Respondent knowingly and willfully made a materially false statement regarding claims for payment of health care services by the Medi-Cal program, namely, she submitted invoices and other purchase documentation to the Department of Health Services which falsely stated that her pharmacy, West Hollywood Pharmacy, had purchased \$93,208 of drugs and other pharmacy items for which the pharmacy had later submitted claims to the Medi-Cal Program.

#### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License No. 43194, issued to Respondent;
- 2. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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VIRGINIA HEROLD
Executive Officer
Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant