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

In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:

Case No. 4378

SARA SHADAB 8906 SW 150 Court Circle N Miami, FL 33196

**Applicant for Pharmacy Technician License** 

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 February 7, 2013.

It is so ORDERED on January 8, 2013.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| 8               | BEFORE THE<br>BOARD OF PHARMACY   |
| 9               | DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS<br>STATE OF CALIFORNIA   |
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| 11              | In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Case No. 4378<br>Against:                                  |
| 12              | SARA SHADAB STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER  |
| ۰<br>13         | 8906 SW 150 Court Cir N.<br>Miami, FL 33196   |
| 14              | Applicant for Pharmacy Technician<br>Registration   |
| 15              | Respondent.   |
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| 17              | IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-entitled                 |
| 18              | proceedings that the following matters are true:  |
| 19              | PARTIES   |
| 20              | 1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy.               |
|                 | She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala |
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| 22              | D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Sydney M. Mehringer, Deputy Attorney     |
| 23              | General.  |
| 24<br>25        | 2. Respondent Sara Shadab ("Respondent") is represented in this proceeding by attorney              |
| 25<br>26        | Hamid Soleimanian, whose address is: Law Offices of Hamid Soleimanian, 16633 Ventura Blvd.          |
| 26              | Suite 503, Encino, CA 91436   |
| 27              | 3. On or about October 3, 2011, Respondent filed an application dated August 12, 2011,              |
| 28 <sup>.</sup> | with the Board of Pharmacy to obtain a Pharmacy Technician Registration.                            |
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|                 | STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (4378)  |

#### JURISDICTION

4. Statement of Issues No. 4378 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"),
Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Statement of
Issues and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on
November 13, 2012.

5. A copy of Statement of Issues No. 4378 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 Statement of Issues No. 4378. 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 Statement of Issues; 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.

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#### CULPABILITY

9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Statement of
Issues No. 4378.

10. Respondent agrees that her Application for Pharmacy Technician Registration is
subject to denial 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**

11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. It is understood by Respondent that, in deciding whether to adopt this stipulation, the board may receive oral and written communication from its staff and the Office of the Attorney General. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall not disqualify the board or other persons from future participation in this or any other matter affecting Respondent. In the event this settlement is not adopted by the board, the stipulation will not become effective and may not be used for any purpose, except this paragraph, which shall remain in effect.

9 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement
10 and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and
11 effect as the originals.

12 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.
14 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.

18 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
19 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
20 Disciplinary Order:

#### **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory
requirements for issuance of a Pharmacy Technician Registration, a Pharmacy Technician
Registration shall be issued to Respondent Sarah Shadab and immediately revoked. However, the
order of revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for two (2) years upon the
following terms and conditions:

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1. Certification Prior to Resuming Work

Respondent shall be automatically suspended from working as a pharmacy technician until

she is certified as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4202(a)(4) and provides satisfactory proof of certification to the board. Respondent shall not resume working as a pharmacy technician until notified by the board. Failure to achieve certification within one (1) year shall be considered a violation of probation. Respondent shall not resume working as a pharmacy technician until notified by the board.

During suspension, respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of any 6 other board licensed premises (wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other 7 distributor of drugs) any drug manufacturer, or any other location where dangerous drugs and 8 devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent shall not do any act involving drug g selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding or dispensing; nor shall respondent 10 manage, administer, or assist any licensee of the board. Respondent shall not have access to or 11 control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and devices or controlled 12 substances. Respondent shall not resume work until notified by the board. 13

Subject to the above restrictions, Respondent may continue to own or hold an interest in
any licensed premises by the board in which she holds an interest at the time this decision
becomes effective unless otherwise specified in this order.

Failure to comply with this suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

2. Obey All Laws

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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 Pharmacy Technician 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 any such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

## 3. 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.

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## 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 at 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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## 5. 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.

## 6. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, Respondent shall notify all present and prospective
employers of the decision in case number 4378 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed
on Respondent by the decision, as follows:

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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 4378 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 acknowledgement(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 pharmacy of the terms and conditions of the decision in case number 4378 in advance of the respondent commencing work at each pharmacy. 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 4378 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 acknowledgements 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 or relief service or pharmacy management service as a pharmacy technician or in any position for which a pharmacy technician license is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the respondent is considered an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

**Probation Monitoring Costs** 

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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.

## 8. Status of License

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current pharmacy technician 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 pharmacy technician 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.

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## 9. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, should respondent cease work due to 13 retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, 14 respondent may tender her pharmacy technician license to the board for surrender. The board or 15 its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other 16 action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the 17 license, Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This 18 surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of the Respondent's license 19 history with the board. 20

Upon acceptance of the surrender, respondent shall relinquish her pharmacy technician
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, permit, or registration 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.

10. Notification of a Change in Name, Residence Address, Mailing Address or 27 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 and 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.

11. Tolling of Probation

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8 Except during periods of suspension, respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be 9 employed as a pharmacy technician in California for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month. 10 Any month during which this minimum is not met shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the 11 period of probation shall be extended by one month for each month during which this minimum is 12 not met. During any such period of tolling of probation, Respondent must nonetheless comply 13 with all terms and conditions of probation.

Should Respondent, regardless of residency, for any reason (including vacation) cease
working as a pharmacy technician for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month in California,
Respondent must notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of cessation of work and must
further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the resumption of the work. 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 work" means calendar month during which respondent is not working for at least 40 hours as a pharmacy technician, as defined in Business and Professions Code section 4115. "Resumption of work" means any calendar month during which respondent is working as a pharmacy technician for at least 40 hours as a pharmacy technician as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4115.

## 12. Violation of Probation

If 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.

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#### 13. Completion of Probation

Upon written notice by the board indicating successful completion of probation,
Respondent's pharmacy technician license will be fully restored.

## ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully
discussed it with my attorney, Hamid Soleimanian. I understand the stipulation and the effect it
will have on my Application for Pharmacy Technician Registration. I enter into this Stipulated
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| 5        | DATED: 10/03/12 Hamid Soleimantan  |
| 6        | Attorney for Respondent  |
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| 8        | ENDORSEMENT  |
| 9        | The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully                |
| 10       | submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.      |
| 11       | Dated: Respectfully submitted,   |
| 12       | Kamala D. Harris   |
| 13       | Attorney General of California<br>KAREN B, CHAPPELLE   |
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| 12  | Dated: December 6,2012 Respectfully submitted,   |
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# Exhibit A

## Statement of Issues No. 4378

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| 4   | 1     | Kamala D. Harris   | · . · ·                             |                   |
| ·   | 2     | Attorney General of California<br>KAREN B. CHAPPELLE   |                                     |                   |
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|     | 9     | BOARD OF<br>DEPARTMENT OF C  | PHARMACY<br>CONSUMER AFFAIRS        | r<br>r            |
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|     | 15    | Respondent.  |                                     |                   |
| -   | 16    | <b></b>  | ]                                   |                   |
|     | . 17  | Complainant alleges;   |                                     | •                 |
|     | 18    | PAR  | TIES                                |                   |
|     | 19    | 1. Virginia Herold ("Complainant") bri   | ngs this Statement of Issues solely | / in her official |
|     | 20    | capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of  | f Pharmacy, Department of Consu     | mer Affairs       |
|     | 21    | ("Board").   |                                     | •                 |
|     | 22    | 2. On or about October 3, 2011, the Bo   | ard received an application for reg | sistration as a   |
|     | . 23  | Pharmacy Technician from Sara Shadab ("Respo   | ondent"). On or about August 12,    | 2011,             |
|     | 24    | Respondent certified under penalty of perjury to   | the truthfulness of all statements, | answers, and      |
|     | 25    | representations in the application. The Board de   | • · · ·                             | •                 |
| -   | 26    |  | DICTION                             |                   |
|     | · 27  | 3. This Statement of Issues is brought l   | before the Board, under the author  | ity of the        |
| ,   | 28    | following laws. All section references are to the  | Business and Professions Code ('    | 'Code'') unless   |
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#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

4. Code section 480 states, in pertinent part:

"(a) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the applicant has one of the following:

"(1) Been convicted of a crime. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken 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 the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.

"(2) Done any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or herself or another, or substantially injure another.

"(3) (A) Done any act that if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.

(B) The board may deny a license pursuant to this subdivision only if the crime or act
is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for
which application is made.

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"(c) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the ground that the applicant
 knowingly made a false statement of fact required to be revealed in the application for the
 license."

5. Code section 490 states; in pertinent part:

(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a
board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a
crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business
or profession for which the license was issued.

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"(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.

"(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken 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 the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."

6. Code section 4300 states, in pertinent part:

12 "That every license issued by the Boards is subject to discipline, including suspension or
13 revocation."

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7. Code section 4301 states, in pertinent part:

15 "The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional
16 conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.
17 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.

"(g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely
represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

"(1) The conviction of a orime 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

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STATEMENT OF ISSUES

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 orderto 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.

"(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency.

"(p) Actions or conduct that would have warranted denial of a license."

## **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, states, in pertinent part: 21"For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license . 22 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 24 licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a 25 licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner 26 consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."  $2\dot{7}$ 

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## FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

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## (Conviction of a Substantially-Related Crime)

9. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 480, subdivision (a)(1) in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the application is made as follows:

7 a. On or about February 16, 2005, after pleading guilty, Respondent was convicted of 8 one felony count of violating United States Code, title 18, section 1543 [attempt to use a false, 9 forged, counterfeit and altered passport], in the criminal proceeding entitled United States of America v. Sara Shadab (U.S. Distinct Court, Southern District of Florida, 2004, No. 04-20904-10 CR-GRAHAM). The court sentenced Respondent to serve 1 day in prison, placed her on 11 supervised release for a period of 24 months, and fined her. The circumstances surrounding the 12 conviction are that on or about November 08, 2004, Respondent did willfully and knowingly use 13 and attempt to use a false, forged, counterfeited, and altered passport. Respondent substituted her 14 photograph for the original photograph on a Danish passport and presented it to an Officer of the 15 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection in an attempt to gain entry into the United States. 16

## SECOND CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

## (Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud, and/or Deceit)

10. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 480, subdivision (a)(2), in
that Respondent committed dishonest acts, fraud, or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit
herself. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth in
paragraph 9 above, subparagraph (a), inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

## THIRD CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

## (Knowingly Made a False Statement of Fact)

11. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 480, subdivision (c), in that on or about August 12, 2011, Respondent knowingly made a false statement of fact by failing to disclose her 2005 conviction for violating United States Code, title 18, section 1543 [attempt to use a false, forged, counterfeit and altered passport] on her application for licensure. On the

application, Respondent answered "no" in response to the question, "Have you ever been convicted of or pled no contest to a violation of the law of a foreign country, the United States or any state laws or local ordinances?" In addition, Respondent signed the application under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, thereby certifying that her responses to the questions on her application for licensure were true and correct. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth in paragraph 9 above, subparagraph (a), inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

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## FOURTH CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

#### (Acts Warranting Denial of Licensure)

12. Respondent's application is subject to denial under sections 480, subdivisions
(a)(3)(A) and (a)(3)(B), and section 4301, subdivision (p), in that Respondent committed a crime and acts which if done by a licentiate would be grounds for suspension or revocation of her license, as follows:

a. Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a pharmacy technician which to a substantial degree evidences her present or potential unfitness to perform the functions authorized by her license in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare, in violation of sections 490, and 4301, subdivision (1), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth in paragraph 9 above, subparagraph (a), inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

b. Respondent committed a dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful act with the intent to
substantially benefit herself in violation of section 480, subdivision (a)(2). Complainant refers to,
and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth in paragraph 9 above, subparagraph
(a), inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

c. Respondent made a false statement of fact or information in connection with her
application for issuance of a license, in violation of section 480, subdivision (c). Complainant
refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth in paragraph 9 above,
subparagraph (a), inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

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| 2        | WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, |
| 3        | and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:                           |
| 4        | 1. Denying the application of Sara Shadab for Registration as a Pharmacy Technician;  |
| 5        | and   |
| 6        | 2. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.               |
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| 8        | DATED: 11/2/12 Ligine Alcolo  |
| 9        | Executive Officer<br>Board of Pharmacy  |
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