

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

CHRISTY V. LAWSON, R.N.,  
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 NUR 020

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Christy V. Lawson, R.N.  
2415 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Superior, WI 54880

Wisconsin Board of Nursing  
P.O. Box 8366  
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Christy V. Lawson, R.N., (dob February 26, 1980) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional nurse, having license number 200573-30, first issued on May 22, 2014 and current through February 29, 2016. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 2415 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, Wisconsin 54880.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a professional nurse at a hospital, located in Duluth, Minnesota.

3. On January 8, 2015, Respondent was reprimanded and her license limited by the Minnesota Board of Nursing (Minnesota Board) based on the following:

- a. On February 2, 2014, Respondent instructed a certified nursing assistant (CNA) to remove a patient's femoral sheath while Respondent applied pressure to the area. Respondent documented in the patient's medical record that she had removed the femoral sheath.
- b. On February 24, 2014, Respondent's supervisor was notified that Respondent allowed a CNA to remove the femoral sheath.
- c. On March 14, 2014, when questioned by her supervisor, Respondent denied any direct knowledge of the incident. Later, Respondent admitted the event probably happened, but insisted she did not remember the details.

4. In an order dated January 8, 2015, the Minnesota Board reprimanded Respondent and required her to complete education, engage in one-on-one consultation, comply with the consultant's recommendations, and submit a self-report to the Minnesota Board within one month of completing the education and consultation.

5. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Christy V. Lawson, R.N., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code. § N 7.03(1)(b), by having a license to practice nursing or a nurse licensure compact privilege to practice denied, revoked, suspended, limited, or having the credential holder otherwise disciplined in another state, territory, or country.

3. As a result of the above violations, Christy V. Lawson, R.N., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 441.07(1g)(b) and (d).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Christy V. Lawson, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

3. The professional nursing license issued to Christy V. Lawson, R.N., (license number 200573-30) and her privilege to practice in Wisconsin pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact, are LIMITED as follows:

- a. Within fifteen (15) days of completing the education ordered by the Minnesota Board, Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the education to the Department Monitor at the address below.
  - b. Within fifteen (15) days of providing the consultant's report to the Minnesota Board, Respondent shall submit the consultant's report to the Department Monitor at the address below including providing proof of compliance with all of the consultant's recommendations.
  - c. Within 48 hours of submitting the self-report to the Minnesota Board, Respondent shall provide a copy of the self-report to the Department Monitor at the address below.
4. Within 120 days from the date of this Order, Christy V. Lawson, R.N., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$150.00.
5. Proof of successful education completion, consultant report, self-report and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

6. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs, proof of completed education, consultation report, and the self-report as ordered above, Respondent's license (no. 200573-30) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of costs, submitted proof of successful completion of the ordered education, submitted the consultation report, submitted proof of compliance with all of the consultant recommendations and submitted the ordered self-report.

7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

by:  DNP, APRN  
A Member of the Board

4-9-15  
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
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STIPULATION

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 NUR 020

Respondent Christy V. Lawson, R.N., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance,  
Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this  
investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily  
and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has  
the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by  
subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral  
arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution,  
the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code,  
and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has  
been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by  
the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of  
the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of  
the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the  
form as attached.

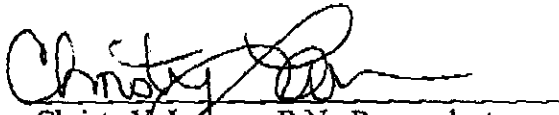
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not  
be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Christy V. Lawson, R.N., Respondent  
2415 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Superior, WI 54880  
License no. 200573-30

3-1-15  
Date



Amanda L. Florek, Attorney  
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P.O. Box 7190  
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3/9/15  
Date