

IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE  
JOHN L. CLARIDGE, R.Ph. \* MARYLAND STATE  
LICENSE NO. 15912 \* BOARD OF PHARMACY  
\* Case No. 17-088

\* \* \* \* \*

**PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER**

**Background**

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) received a report from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (“NABP”) indicating that John L. Claridge, R.Ph. (the “Respondent”), License Number 15912, had been suspended by the Illinois Board of Pharmacy on August 11, 2016. The Illinois Board of Pharmacy subsequently entered into a Consent Order with the Respondent on August 2, 2017, which placed the Respondent’s Illinois license on probation for a minimum of one (1) year.

In lieu of instituting formal proceedings against the Respondent, in accordance with the Maryland Pharmacy Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-101 *et seq.*, the Board and Respondent, have agreed to resolve this matter as set forth in this Pre-Charge Consent Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On or about November 27, 2000, the Respondent was issued a license to practice pharmacy in Maryland. The Respondent’s license is active and will expire on January 31, 2020.
2. The Respondent currently lives and holds a license to practice pharmacy in Illinois under License No. 051-291629.
3. On or about August 11, 2016, the Illinois Board of Pharmacy issued a Director’s

Order which suspended the Respondent's license. The Order was based on the Respondent testing positive for fentanyl in violation of his Care, Counseling, and Treatment Agreement.

4. On or about August 2, 2017, the Illinois Board entered into a Consent Agreement with the Respondent in which his license was placed on probation for at least one (1) year, during which the Respondent must adhere to certain terms and conditions to include random urine screens and employee performance evaluations.
5. On the Respondent's January 11, 2018 renewal application to the Board, he appropriately disclosed the Illinois Board disciplinary action.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that John L. Claridge, R.Ph., License Number 15912, is subject to discipline in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-313(b)(24).

#### ORDER

Based upon an affirmative vote of the Board under the authority of Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. Art. § 12-313, it this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, hereby,

ORDERED that the license held by Respondent, License No. 15912, shall be placed on PROBATION, until such time that the Respondent fully complies with the terms and conditions of the Illinois Board of Pharmacy Consent Order, dated August 2, 2017, and such probation is terminated; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately provide written notice to the Board of any complaint to or investigation by the Illinois Board of Pharmacy; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent shall provide immediate written notice to the Board in the event that the Respondent commences practicing pharmacy in Maryland; and be it further,

ORDERED that in the event that Respondent violates any of the terms above, the Board, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, and a determination of a violation, may impose any further disciplinary sanction it deems appropriate, including probation, suspension and revocation, said violation being proven by a preponderance of the evidence; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent may petition the Board for termination of probation provided that he has fully complied with all probationary terms contained herein; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a formal order and as such is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions Article § 4-333.

9/13/18

Date

  
Deena Speights-Napata,  
Executive Director for:

Kevin Morgan, Pharm.D.  
Board President

**CONSENT**

1. By signing this Consent, Respondent submits to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions.

2. Respondent acknowledges the validity of this Consent Order as if it were made after a hearing in which Respondent would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, and to all other substantial procedural protections provided by law.


3. Respondent acknowledges that, by entering into this Consent Order, Respondent is waiving his right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed such an evidentiary hearing.

4. Respondent acknowledges the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.

5. Respondent acknowledges and understands that this Order is a public document under the Maryland Public Information Act, and shall be reportable in accordance with State and federal law;

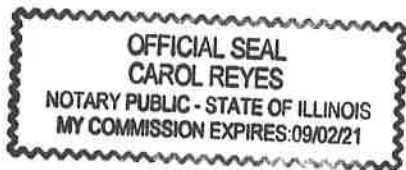
6. Respondent signs this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. Respondent fully understands the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

6/1/18  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John L. Claridge, R.Ph.

STATE OF Illinois  
COUNTY/CITY OF Cook:

I hereby certify that on this 1 day of June, 2018, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Illinois and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared JOHN L. CLARIDGE, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was his voluntary act and deed.



Carol Reyes  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: 9/2/21