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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
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BOARD OF COURT REPORTING

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IN THE MATTER OF :  
: Administrative Action  
**CARMEN WOLFE** :  
**Certificate No: 30XI00192200** :  
: CONSENT ORDER  
FOR CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE :  
COURT REPORTING IN THE STATE :  
OF NEW JERSEY :  
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Court Reporting (hereinafter the "Board") upon receipt of a reinstatement application for certification as a court reporter in this State filed by Carmen Wolfe on or about July 12, 2011.

Review of this matter revealed that Ms. Wolfe was initially certified as a court reporter in this State on or about November 17, 1993. The Board's records indicate, and the Board finds, that Ms. Wolfe's license expired on or about June 30, 1996 and that she failed to renew said license for any licensure renewal

period following 1996 to the present. Therefore, the certificate of Ms. Wolfe to practice court reporting in this State was administratively suspended without notice for her failure to renew in or about 2005, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).

Having reviewed the entire record, the Board finds, and Ms. Wolfe admitted, that she engaged in the practice of court reporting without a certificate after July 1, 1996, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:15B-9(a). Specifically, Ms. Wolfe submitted information, in July 12, 2011 correspondence, which indicated that she had continuously performed court reporting services for compensation from July 1, 1996 to the present. This conduct establishes a basis for disciplinary action against the certificate of Ms. Wolfe.

It appearing that respondent Carmen Wolfe desires to resolve this matter without the need for formal disciplinary proceedings; and the certificate holder acknowledging and not contesting the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Board; and the Board having been satisfied that the within resolution adequately protects the public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS ON THIS <sup>April 11<sup>th</sup></sup> day of MARCH 2012 HEREBY

ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Carmen Wolfe's reinstatement application for certification as a court reporter, pursuant to the mandates of

N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.2, in the State of New Jersey is hereby granted pursuant to the following conditions:

a. Ms. Wolfe is hereby formally reprimanded for her conduct as described above, namely, the uncertified practice of court reporting, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:15B-9(a).

b. The respondent's court reporting certificate is hereby actively suspended until such time as she provides to the Board proof of successful passage of the Registered Professional Reporter ("RPR") examination provided by the National Court Reporters Association ("NCRA") as required by N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(d), N.J.A.C. 13:43-3A.3 and N.J.A.C. 13:43-4.1.

c. Ms. Wolfe's certificate to practice court reporting is hereby suspended for a period of five (5) years entirely stayed and to be served as a period of probation. This five year stayed suspension, being disciplinary, will commence on the date of the issuance of the license.

Failure on the part of the respondent to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order would constitute a violation of the Order, proof of which would constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the Board, including but not limited to the activation of the stayed suspension becoming an active suspension. Similarly, any allegations of misconduct and/or violations of the Court Reporting Practice Act and/or its accompanying regulations on the part of Ms. Wolfe during her probationary period; including,

but not limited to, engaging in the practice of court reporting with an expired certificate; which are substantiated by the Board, shall also serve as grounds for any other appropriate disciplinary action as the Board may determine, including the automatic administrative activation of the stayed suspension to an active suspension without a hearing.

d. Ms. Wolfe shall pay reinstatement fees and delinquent renewal fees, totaling **\$900.00**, for the biennial licensure periods since July 1996 to the present contemporaneously with the entry of this Order. These fees were paid in full by Ms. Wolfe on September 27, 2011.

e. Ms. Wolfe is further required to provide proof of full attendance at, and successful completion of a minimum of, fifteen **(15)** credit hours of Board pre-approved courses of continuing education within six (6) months of the date of this Order. Additionally, no continuing education credits completed in compliance with this Consent Order may be used to satisfy the minimum continuing education requirements for any biennial renewal period.

2. Failure on the part of Ms. Wolfe to pay the civil penalty and/or the reinstatement and delinquent renewal fees or, in the alternative, the installment payments timely or to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order would constitute a violation

of the Order, proof of which would constitute grounds for additional disciplinary action by the Board.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF COURT REPORTING

By: *Marianne Cammarota*  
MARIANNE CAMMAROTA, C.C.R.  
President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

*Carmen Wolfe*  
CARMEN WOLFE, C.C.R.

DATED: 3/27/12

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