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By Certified and Regular Mail

Raymond W. Accolla
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Re: Uniform Penalty Letter in Lieu of Formal Disciplinary Complaint
Our File #16-34, 23JP00360100

Dear Raymond Accolla:

The New Jersey State Board of Mortuary Science (the "Board") has had an opportunity to review your correspondence and medical report in its entirety at its meeting of May 3, 2016.

Upon review of all available information, the Board has found that you have violated N.J.A.C.13:45C-1.1 et seq., in that you failed to comply with the Board's letter of December 19, 2014. More specifically, you failed to provide proof of completion of your 2013-2015 in person continuing education courses by June 28, 2015.

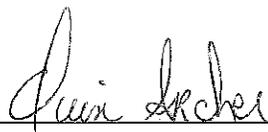
The Board has determined that it will first offer you an opportunity to settle this matter and thereby avoid the initiation of formal disciplinary proceeding. Should you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity, you should **pay the penalty with a certified check or money order** in the amount of **\$250.00** made payable to the State of New Jersey within **fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter**. The penalty must be accompanied with the enclosed certification page and mailed to the State Board of Mortuary Science, P.O. Box 45009, Newark, New Jersey. To avoid further disciplinary action, **you must provide the Board with copies of your 2015-2017 credit hours of continuing education in Board-approved courses as defined in N.J.A.C.13:36-10.3, no later than May 5, 2017**. The credits must consist of **2** credit hours in preneed (in person attendance only), **3** credit hours in ethics and/or New Jersey laws (in person attendance only) and at least **1** credit but no more than **3** credit hours in OSHA. Please be advised, that no credit shall be received for viewing exhibits at professional and/or technical meeting and conferences.

Alternatively, you may waive your right to a hearing and submit a written statement or explanation to the Board. The Board will then consider your submission and render a final decision, which may include any of the terms set forth above. Any disposition by way of a settlement will be a public record, and will have the same effect as an order of the Board. Any failure to comply with the terms to which you agree will be deemed a violation.

If you do not wish to settle this matter, you may request a hearing. In that event, this letter will serve as notice of the charges against you and a hearing will be scheduled before the Board. At the hearing, either personally or with the assistance of an attorney, will have an opportunity to respond to the charges, submit evidence and present testimony as may be necessary in order for the Board to make a final determination concerning the charges of unlawful activity. You should be aware that in making its final decision, the Board may, if unlawful activity has been proven, assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that offered in this letter. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order requiring you to reimburse certain monies, directing you to cease and desist from engaging in unlawful acts and/or requiring you to pay costs incurred in the matter.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter of the settlement offer herein, I suggest that you contact Deputy Attorney General Meaghan Goulding, who may be reached at (973) 648-4741.

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BOARD OF MORTUARY SCIENCE

By: 
Quin Archer
Executive Director