

IN RE:

CASE NO. LPC 14/15-64

WILLIAM NICHOLAS ABRAHAM

LOUISIANA LICENSED PROFESSIONAL  
COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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**ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Pursuant to La. R.S. 49:961(C), you are hereby notified that on March 20, 2015, the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors' Board of Examiners (the "LPC Board") summarily suspended LPC license number 1991 issued to William Nicholas Abraham, pending an administrative hearing scheduled for April 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Effective March 20, 2015, William Nicholas Abraham is not authorized to engage in the practice of mental health counseling and must immediately cease and desist the provision of mental health counseling. Further, William Nicholas Abraham must cease and desist from referring to himself as a licensed professional counselor.

The LPC Board finds that pursuant to La. R.S. 49:961(C), the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action due to the nature of the complaint filed against William Nicholas Abraham.

**Findings of Fact:**

William Nicholas Abraham allegedly sexually molested a minor child/patient during at least one therapy session, which is a violation of the following statutes and Licensed Professional Counselors Rules:

- La. R.S. 37:1110(A)(3);
- La. R.S. 37:1110(A)(9);
- Licensed Professional Counselors Rules, Chapter 13, Section 1301(A) and Section 1301 (C)(1);
- Chapter 21, Section 2103 (A)(1)(a), Section 2103 (4)(a), Section 2103 (5)(a), Section 2107 (A)(1)(a), Section 2107 (6)(a)((a)), Section 2107 (6)(a)((b)), Section 2107 (6)(d), and Section 2117 (A)(1)(a).

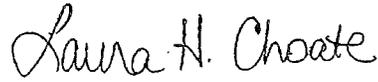
An administrative hearing before the LPC Board is scheduled for April 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at 450 Laurel Street, 20th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70801. The hearing panel will consist of current LPC Board members pursuant to the Licensed Professional Counselors Rules.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board Act, and the Louisiana Licensed Professional

Counselors' *Professional and Occupational Standards* (Licensed Professional Counselors Rules).

You will be given a full opportunity to appear and be heard with or without counsel; a statement of what accusations have been made; the right to present evidence and to cross-examine witnesses; and the right to have witnesses subpoenaed. You may request that subpoenas be issued by the LPC Board. Please submit your request to the LPC Board's office at least 20 days prior to the hearing, listing the names and addresses along with a brief summary of what the individual will testify to, along with payment of \$50.00 per subpoena. The testimony will be under oath and a court reporter will record the proceedings at the hearing, and any party wishing to obtain a transcript of the hearing may do so at their expense.

Date: 03.20.2015



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Chair, LPC Board of Examiners