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**CITATION:
ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND ORDER OF ABATEMENT**

TO: William Wesley, Owner
Los Angeles Feature Film Academy
1201 W. 5th Street, Suite C12
Los Angeles, CA 90017

CITATION NUMBER: 2011001
FINE AMOUNT: \$50,000.00

Joanne Wenzel, issues this Citation in her official capacity as Deputy Bureau Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education of the California Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the “Bureau”).

BACKGROUND

Los Angeles Feature Film Academy has not been issued an approval to operate as a private postsecondary educational institution by the Bureau.

On June 30, 2007, Los Angeles Feature Film Academy did not have a valid approval to operate issued by the former Bureau. As required by California Education Code (Cal. Ed. Code) section 94809(b), Los Angeles Feature Film Academy had not submitted an application for approval to operate to the Bureau by August 1, 2010.

On November 9, 2010, the Bureau sent a letter to William Wesley, Owner, Los Angeles Feature Film Academy, informing him of the requirements regarding operating a private postsecondary educational institution and directing him to contact the Bureau regarding bringing the school into compliance. The letter stated, “Failure to respond to this letter by November 24, 2010, may result in the Bureau taking disciplinary action against you and Los Angeles Feature Film Academy.”

CITATION

A citation is hereby issued to you in accordance with Cal. Ed. Code section 94944 for the violations described below.

VIOLATION

Cal. Ed. Code section 94858 defines “private postsecondary educational institution” as a private entity with a physical presence in this State that offers postsecondary education to the public for an institutional charge.

Cal. Ed. Code section 94886 prohibits a person from opening, conducting, or engaging in a business as a private postsecondary education institution in this State without obtaining an approval to operate from the Bureau.

You are hereby notified that you are in violation of Section 94886 of the California Education Code and cause for issuance of a citation and assessment of an administrative fine exists.

Los Angeles Feature Film Academy executed enrollment agreements with students believed to be attending a film school, advertised as a film school, and established a business entity as a film school.

PENALTY – ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

In accordance with Cal. Ed. Code section 94944, the Bureau hereby orders the issuance of a Citation and the assessment of a fine in the amount of \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars) for operating an institution without proper approval to operate issued by the Bureau.

ORDER OF ABATEMENT

The Bureau orders that you cease operating as a private postsecondary educational institution and submit evidence of compliance to the Bureau within 45 days of the date of this order. This means you must stop enrolling students, and cease all instructional services, advertising (including Web sites), programs, and/or operations.

Pursuant to Education Code section 94941(d), within 45 days of this citation, you are ordered to pay restitution as follows:

1. \$14,900 to Arie Jan Hordijk for tuition paid to Los Angeles Feature film Academy
2. \$15,410 to Ingrid Patzwahl for tuition paid to Los Angeles Feature Film Academy

Orders of abatement are to be complied with by the time specified. If you are unable to complete the correction within the time set, you may request an extension from the Bureau representative who issued the citation.

APPEAL OF CITATION

You have the right to contest this Citation through an informal conference with the Deputy Bureau Chief, or her designee; or through an administrative hearing in accordance with Chapter 5 (Commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

If you wish to contest this Citation, you must make a written request indicating your request for an informal conference or an administrative hearing within 30 days from the service of the Citation. Delivery or mail your written request to:

Kathi Burns, Manager-Complaint Investigations and Discipline
Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95833

If you request an administrative hearing you may, but need not be, represented by counsel at any or all stages of the proceeding. You also have the right to be present at the hearing, to cross-examine witnesses, and to present evidence. If you request an administrative hearing, further information regarding your rights to discovery and to request postponement of the hearing for good cause will be provided to you with the Notice of Hearing.

Unless a written request for an informal conference or an administrative hearing is signed by you or on behalf of Los Angeles Feature Film Academy and delivered to the Bureau by July 31, 2011, you will be deemed to have waived or forfeited your right to an administrative hearing in this matter.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION AND FINE ASSESSMENT

This Citation and assessment of the administrative fine will become final on the next day following your last day within which to request a hearing.

If you do not request an administrative hearing, this Citation shall become effective on August 1, 2011 and payment due by August 31, 2011. If a hearing is requested, you will not be required to comply with this Citation until a final order is entered against you. If a hearing is not requested, your payment of the administrative fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation charged.

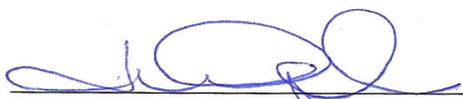
PAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE

Payment of the administrative fine must be made to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by cash, check, or money order. Please include the Citation number on the payment of the fine assessment. Payments may be mailed to:

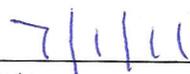
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CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this Citation, or desire further information, please contact Kathi Burns, Complaint Investigations Unit Manager, at (916) 431-6915.



Joanne Wenzel, Deputy Bureau Chief
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Date