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CITATION: ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND ORDER OF ABATEMENT

To: Jerroll Dolphin St. Luke School of Medicine 1042 W. 42nd Street Los Angeles, CA 90037

INSTITUTION CODE: Unapproved CITATION NUMBER: 1314016 CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: January 26, 2015 DUE DATE: February 25, 2015 FINE AMOUNT: \$ 2,500.00 ORDER OF ABATEMENT INCLUDED: YES

Yvette Johnson issues this Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement (Citation) in her official capacity as Enforcement Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) of the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

<u>CITATION</u>

A Citation is hereby issued to Jerroll Dolphin, Owner of St. Luke School of Medicine (Institution) located in Los Angeles, CA. pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 148; California Education Code (CEC) §94944; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) §75020 for the violation(s) described below.

<u>VIOLATION</u>

#	The California Education Code (CEC) and the California Code of Regulations (CCR). Below you will find the code section(s) of law you are charged with violating.
1.	 <u>Violation:</u> CEC 94886 – Approval to Operate Required "Except as exempted in Article 4 (commencing with Section 94874) or in compliance with the transition provisions in Article 2 (commencing with Section 94802), a person shall not open, conduct, or do business as a private postsecondary educational institution in this state without obtaining an approval to operate under this chapter." St. Luke School of Medicine is based in Liberia and Ghana. Information on the school's website and school catalog indicate that the school is conducting business in California from an information office located in Los Angeles, CA for which St. Luke School of Medicine does not have approval to operate.

Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders that you immediately cease to operate and advertise an information office in the state of California. Submit evidence of compliance to the Bureau within 30 days.

Assessment of Fine

The fine for this violation is <u>\$2,500.00</u>

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINEDUR \$24500.00

ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

In accordance with CEC section 94944; and 5 CCR section 75020(b), the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of a fine in the amount of **\$2,500.00** for the violations described above. **Payment must be made to the Bureau within <u>30 days</u> from the date of service of the Citation.**

ORDER OF ABATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of CEC Section 94936 and 5 CCR Section 75020 the Bureau hereby issues the order(s) of abatement described above. **Evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement must be submitted, to the Bureau, within <u>30 days</u> from the date of service of the Citation.**

BACKGROUND

On August 22, 2012 the Bureau received a tip concerning St. Luke School of Medicine. Through the course of its investigation, the Bureau has found that St. Luke School of Medicine is advertising an information office in Los Angeles, California. St. Luke School of Medicine in not approved to operate in California and therefore cannot advertise a location as such.

APPEAL OF CITATION

You have the right to contest this Citation through an informal conference with the Bureau; and/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 submit the 'Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing' form (enclosed) within <u>30 days</u> from the date of service of the Citation. If you do not request an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing within 30 days from the service of the Citation, you will not be able to request one at a later time.

Unless a written request for an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing is signed by you and delivered to the Bureau by **February 24, 2015**, you will be deemed to have waived or forfeited your right to appeal this matter.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION

If you do not request an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing, this Citation shall become effective on January 26, 2015. Payment of the administrative fine and evidence of

compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **February 25, 2015**. Your payment of the administrative fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation(s) charged.

If a hearing is requested, you will not be required to comply with this Citation until 30 days after a final order is entered against you.

Payment of the administrative fine and/or written request for appeal must be mailed to:

Jody Wright, Discipline Citation Program Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400 Sacramento, CA 95833

Failure for an applicant or institution to abate the violation(s) listed above or to pay the administrative fine within the time allowed may result in denial of an application for an approval or renewal to operate; disciplinary action, and/or collection action. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce this Citation and recover the civil penalties prescribed therein or found to be due after a hearing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this Citation, or desire further information, please contact Jody Wright, Enforcement Analyst, at (916) 431-6940 or Jody.Wright@dca.ca.gov.

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January 26, 2015 Date

Enclosures

- > Applicable Laws Violated
- Statement of Rights: Appeal Process Information Sheet
- Notice of Appeal of Citation: Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing
- Payment of Fine Waiver of Appeal
- > Declaration of Service by Certified and First Class Mail