



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

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PROFESSIONAL REGULATION,

Petitioner,

v.

DOAH Case No.: 17-5154
DBPR Case No.: 2016-021131
ULA VETERINARY MEDICINE

MEGAN MCMURRAN LAJARA,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (“Department”) hereby enters this Final Order against Megan McMurrán Lajara (“Respondent”) in the above-styled matter. This cause came before the Department for the purpose of considering the Recommended Order issued by Administrative Law Judge J. Bruce Culpepper (“Judge Culpepper”) on January 31, 2018, in Division of Administrative Hearings (“DOAH”) case number 17-5154, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference. Respondent did not file exceptions to the Recommended Order with the Department.

Background

On February 23, 2017, the Department filed an Amended Administrative Complaint in this matter, alleging that Respondent violated Section 474.213(1)(i), Florida Statutes, by engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine without holding a license to practice veterinary medicine. Respondent disputed the allegations contained in the Amended Administrative Complaint and the case was referred to DOAH to conduct a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes. On November 28, 2017, Judge Culpepper presided over the Final

Hearing in this matter which was held by video teleconference with sites in Tallahassee and Orlando, Florida. Respondent appeared at the Final Hearing via video teleconference in Orlando, Florida. On January 31, 2018, Judge Culpepper issued a Recommended Order, recommending the Department enter a Final Order finding Respondent committed the violations alleged in the Amended Administrative Complaint, and imposing administrative fines and investigative costs on Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Findings of Fact contained in the Recommended Order, as set forth in Exhibit "A", are hereby approved, adopted, and incorporated herein by reference. Those findings are supported by competent and substantial evidence.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

2. The Conclusions of Law contained in the Recommended Order, as set forth in Exhibit "A", are hereby approved, adopted, and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT:

3. Respondent violated Section 474.213(1)(i), Florida Statutes, as alleged in Counts I, II and III of the Amended Administrative Complaint.

4. Respondent must pay a total administrative fine of \$9,000.00 (\$3,000.00 for each separate violation), pursuant to the penalty/disciplinary guidelines of Rule 61G18-30.001, Florida Administrative Code.

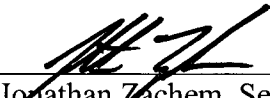
5. Respondent must pay investigative costs in the amount of \$288.47, pursuant to Section 455.227(3)(a), Florida Statutes.

6. Payment of the fine and costs by check or money order issued to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation must be received by the Department of Business and

Professional Regulation, Revenue Unit, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 within 365 calendar days of the effective date of this Final Order. **Case number 2016-021131 must be referenced clearly when making payment.**

7. This Final Order is effective on the date it is filed with the Agency Clerk of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, as indicated on the first page of this Final Order.

DONE AND ORDERED this 27th day of February, 2018.



Jonathan Zachem, Secretary
Department of Business and
Professional Regulation
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL UNLESS WAIVED

Unless expressly waived, any party substantially affected by this Final Order may seek judicial review by filing an original Notice of Appeal with the Agency Clerk of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation at 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 (AGC.Filing@myfloridalicense.com), and a copy of the notice, accompanied by the filing fees prescribed by law, with the clerk of the appropriate District Court of Appeal within thirty (30) days of rendition of this order, in accordance with Rule 9.110, Fla. R. App. P., and section 120.68, Florida Statutes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of this Final Order was provided to Respondent at 855 Franklin Street, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701, by regular U.S. Mail this 9th day of March, 2018.


OFFICE OF THE AGENCY CLERK

Copy(s) Furnished to:

Crystal D. Stephens, Chief Attorney -Professions