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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**
10 **AND HEARING AID DISPENSERS BOARD**
11 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
12 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:
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13 **JULIA KAY WOLFORD**
14 **145 Kent Avenue #3**
15 **Kentfield, CA 94904**
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17 **Speech-Language Pathologist License**
18 **No. SP 13872**
19
20 Respondent.

Case No. 11 2013 33

ACCUSATION

18 Complainant alleges:

19 PARTIES

20 1. Paul Sanchez (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as
21 the Executive Officer of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid
22 Dispensers Board, Department of Consumer Affairs.

23 2. On or about February 16, 2004, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and
24 Hearing Aid Dispensers Board issued Speech-Language Pathologist License Number SP 13872 to
25 Julia Kay Wolford (Respondent). The Speech-Language Pathologist License was in full force and
26 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2015, unless
27 renewed.

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JURISDICTION

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2 3. This Accusation is brought before the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
3 and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority
4 of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless
5 otherwise indicated.

6 4. Section 2530 of the Code states: "This act may be cited as the 'Speech-Language
7 Pathologists and Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dispensers Licensure Act.'"

8 5. Section 2530.1 of the Code states:

9 "The Legislature finds and declares that the practice of speech-language pathology and
10 audiology and hearing aid dispensing in California affects the public health, safety, and welfare
11 and there is a necessity for those professions to be subject to regulation and control."

12 6. Section 2531.5 of the Code states: "The board shall issue, suspend, and revoke
13 licenses and approvals to practice speech-language pathology and audiology as authorized by this
14 chapter."

15 7. Section 2533 of the Code states, in relevant part:

16 "The board may refuse to issue, or issue subject to terms and conditions, a license on the
17 grounds specified in Section 480, or may suspend, revoke, or impose terms and conditions upon
18 the license of any licensee for any of the following:

19 "(a) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of
20 a speech-language pathologist or audiologist or hearing aid dispenser, as the case may be. The
21 record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

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23 "(c)(1) The use or administering to himself or herself, of any controlled substance.

24 "(2) The use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4022, or of alcoholic
25 beverages, to the extent, or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to the licensee, to any
26 other person, or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the licensee to
27 practice speech-language pathology or audiology safely.

2013 Conviction

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2 11. On or about March 10, 2013, at approximately 9:40 p.m., the California Highway
3 Patrol (CHP) was advised of a possible DUI driver in San Rafael, CA. A CHP Officer responded
4 to the scene and spoke with S.R., a tow truck driver. S.R. reported that Respondent nearly
5 collided with his truck, passed his vehicle and drove erratically. S.R. stated that he followed
6 Respondent and stopped her vehicle. S.R. then spoke to Respondent, who appeared to him to be
7 under the influence of alcohol. S.R. made a citizen's arrest and contacted the CHP.

8 12. The CHP Officer contacted Respondent, who was seated on the right shoulder of the
9 road, and asked her to walk to his patrol vehicle. The Officer noticed that Respondent was very
10 unsteady on her feet as she staggered down the road. The Officer smelled a strong odor of alcohol
11 on Respondent's breath and person as they spoke and noted that Respondent's eyes were red and
12 watery. Respondent admitted she drank alcohol prior to driving. The CHP Officer was only able
13 to ask Respondent a few questions before she became angry and began shouting, telling the
14 Officer to arrest her. Respondent refused to answer any further questions or to perform any field
15 sobriety tests.

16 13. Respondent was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. A
17 further investigation at the scene revealed damage to both Respondent's vehicle and the tow
18 truck, indicating that a collision had, in fact, occurred between Respondent's vehicle and the tow
19 truck. The CHP Officer was not able to obtain a statement from Respondent regarding the
20 collision due to her state of intoxication and her demeanor.

21 14. Following her arrest, Respondent submitted a blood sample, which was tested and
22 revealed a blood alcohol level of .30%.

23 15. On or about March 21, 2013, a criminal complaint was filed in *People vs. Julia Kay*
24 *Wolford*, Marin County Superior Court Case No. CR184135A. Count 1 of the Complaint alleged
25 a misdemeanor violation of Vehicle Code section 23152(a) [driving under the influence of alcohol
26 and/or drugs]; Count 2 alleged a misdemeanor violation of Vehicle Code section 23152(b)
27 [driving with a 0.08% or more BAC]. The Complaint further alleged a penalty enhancement
28 under Vehicle Code section 23578 for a BAC of 0.15% or more.

1 PRAYER

2 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
3 and that following the hearing, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid
4 Dispensers Board issue a decision:

5 1. Revoking or suspending Speech-Language Pathologist License Number SP 13872,
6 issued to Julia Kay Wolford;

7 2. Ordering Julia Kay Wolford to pay the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
8 and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of
9 this case; and,

10 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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13 DATED: 6/27/2014



14 PAUL SANCHEZ
15 Executive Officer
16 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing
17 Aid Dispensers Board
18 Department of Consumer Affairs
19 State of California
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