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Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners
2051 Silverside Drive, Suite 190
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Re: NOTICE ISSUED TO LPIA

Dear Mr. Englade,

I am responding directly to you on my own because you have sent me a letter, although I believe that the LPIA will also provide you with an "official" response to your notice dated June 1, 2011 and postmarked June 7, 2011 in which you state the following:

.....that matters relative to non-compliance with **continuing educational standards set forth by Louisiana Private Investigator's Association ("LPIA") and Mr. Steve Divine** will be taken up by the Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners ("LSBPIE") at the next scheduled board meeting.....

I must admit that I am entirely confused by your notice in that it would appear, based on the language used above, that LSBPIE wishes to discuss the INTERNAL standards set forth by the LPIA and me and more so, I am guessing that you believe that we are in non-compliance with our own standards. That's what it says.....relative to the non compliance with continuing educational standards set forth by the LPIA and Steve Divine.

Can you explain the purpose of this meeting and what you are requesting of me?

It is impossible for me to attend on the JULY 19, 2011 hearing due to a certification class that I am involved in presently that requires me to login from a particular computer to access a VPN, however I am willing to attend the next board meeting in September to answer your questions and I can make myself available by phone on July 19th if there are questions that the board would like me to respond to, however I would very much like

to know the nature of your issue, so that I can gather the information and be prepared to respond.

I am uncertain as to whether you intend for this matter to be taken up in the form of a hearing or if this is an informal discussion, given the fact that the Training and Education Chairman, Maria Dugas has already announced that she will be unavailable for the July Board meeting.

Even as I respond to you today, I have noted that there are several CE programs that have yet to comply with the most basic requirements of the TEC guidelines; and your office has yet to respond to public service requests that will provide me evidence that you vetted the CE programs you have recently advertised on your website as I have requested to see the materials that they sent you in to obtain approval prior to the placement of their course date on your website. I noted for the record that you've taken the course listings down now and replaced the page with a "under construction" page.

The LPIA has taken great steps to not only comply with the posted guidelines, but to exceed them and our evaluations prove it.

If your intentions are to discuss some particular issue that you believe that the LPIA or I have done incorrectly, it would seem appropriate that you would provide a notice of a complaint as you have done so with other providers of CE education. Your letter does not provide any indication that you have received any written complaint, or anything what so ever what this is about, but I am fully aware that you have provided such notices to other CE Providers in the past, so why is the LPIA being treated differently?

More so, as the procedures for a hearing relative to continuing education are not listed in the statutes, I am once again requesting that you provide me with whatever policy that you intend to use to "take up matters of non-compliance" as based upon public records requests, it appears that you do not have a policy in place. Therefore it is extremely prejudicial for a "hearing" to be held without even first offering us an opportunity to even know what we are being accused of.

Please note that the LSBPIE has in the past taken inappropriate action against providers and that has resulted in a loss to the citizens of the State of Louisiana. Exactly what are you claiming that the LPIA and I is in non-compliance with?

It's interesting to me that you stated at the last board meeting that you would not be able to take up another matter with a private investigator because of the absence of Maria Dugas and the fact that certain members of the board would not be able to vote and then you indicate that these matters will be taken up. PLEASE NOTE that if there is to be a hearing of any sorts, MARIA DUGAS is a key witness to any defense and that she, along with several members of the LSBPIE will be called upon as witnesses based upon

the fact that they have "Intimate Knowledge" of the LPIA and its continuing education programs.

In conclusion;

Please provide me with a copy of any written complaint that you have received, which cites the issue of any non-compliance based upon a published policy of the LSBPIE.

In addition, please provide me with the policy on which hearings are held regarding Continuing Education Providers.

Your attention to detail and your prompt response is requested so that I can be in a position to properly respond to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Steve Divine

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