

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS (LABSWE)**

IN THE MATTER OF

LABSWE COMPLAINT

BRENDA LEE LEWIS

NUMBER 2009-109

CREDENTIAL No. 8560 (RSW)

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Brenda Lewis is a credentialed social worker subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (the Board); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a complaint and administrative investigation, the social worker, Brenda Lewis, has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order as provided for in Rule No. 907 of the Board's Rules, Standards and Procedures and LA R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act; and

WHEREAS, the social worker, Brenda Lewis, has admitted the following:

1. Ms. Lewis is and at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, a Registered Social Worker credentialed by the Board to engage in the practice of social work in the State of Louisiana pursuant to the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act, LA R.S. 37:2701 et seq., as evidenced by License No. 8560.
2. At all times pertinent hereto, Ms. Lewis was actively engaged in the practice of social work as a Case Manager and/or Addictions Counselor.

3. That during the time period from October 2005 through February 2008, Ms. Lewis worked at Responsibility House and assisted in finding/developing/providing housing for a homeless population.
4. That Ms. Lewis admitted to Craig Meier and Gloria Meier, complaint investigation officers for the Board, and further admits to this Board that C.S. was a client at Responsibility House's Supportive Housing Program while Ms. Lewis was employed at the same location as a Registered Social Worker (RSW).
5. That Ms. Lewis admits the above referenced client stopped receiving services at Responsibility House at the end of 2006 or the beginning of 2007.
6. That Ms. Lewis was not the identified client's case manager.
7. That Ms. Lewis prepared individual income tax returns on behalf of her family's tax preparation business, JDC Tax & Accounting, LLC.
8. That Ms. Lewis prepared the above identified client's state and federal income taxes for 2007 and 2008.
9. That Ms. Lewis requested her (Ms. Lewis') mother to claim one of the former client's children on her (respondent's) mother's 2008 income tax return and the respondent's mother did claim one of the former client's children on her income tax return.
10. That, under 26 U.S.C.A. § 152, Ms. Lewis' mother was not a "qualifying relative" of the child nor was the child was a "qualifying child" of the respondent's mother.