

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
LICENSING AND REGULATION

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CASE NO.: SPMG 10-0076

LISA P. MEISTER
dba LGP, LLC and
G&S Boutique,

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Respondent

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CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (“Department”) as a result of a complaint filed by Detective Mary Corsiatto of the Montgomery County Police Department against Lisa P. Meister, dba LGP, LLC and G&S Boutique. Upon a review of the complaint, the Department determined that administrative charges against Lisa P. Meister (“Respondent”) were appropriate and that a hearing on the charges should be held. However, in an effort to resolve this matter, without a formal hearing, the Respondent and the Department have agreed to enter into this Consent Order as the final settlement of this matter.

THE PARTIES AGREE AND STIPULATE THAT:

1. At all times relevant to the matters set forth this Consent Order, the Department had jurisdiction over the subject matter and the Respondent.

2. The Respondent became licensed as a Secondhand Precious Metal Object Dealer (License No. 2348) dba LGP, LLC at a fixed business location at 1312 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21208, on October 14, 2009.

3. The Respondent was also issued a license as a Secondhand Precious Metal Object Dealer (License No. 2348-01) dba as G & S Boutique, at a fixed business location at 18109 Town Center Drive, Olney, Maryland, on January 7, 2010.

4. Mr. Chaim (a/k/a Ryan) Schwartz was an employee of the Respondent who was authorized by the Department to conduct secondhand precious metal object transactions on behalf of the Respondent.

5. On March 8, 2010, a complaint was filed with the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation against the Respondent by Detective Mary Corsiatto of the

Montgomery County Police Department, alleging that Mr. Schwartz committed violations of the Secondhand Precious Metal Object Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act, as follows:

- a) Failure to make a written record of transactions involving the acquisition of secondhand precious metal objects as required by the provisions of Business Regulation Article, §§12-301 (a), (d) and (e), Annotated Code of Maryland;
- b) Failure to provide descriptive information about the sellers and the secondhand precious metal objects acquired as required by the provisions of Business Regulation Article, §§12-302 (a) (1), (3), (4), (5) and (6), Annotated Code of Maryland;
- c) Failure to electronically file transaction reports with the law enforcement agencies by noon of the next business day as required by the provisions of Business Regulation Article, §§12-304 (a)-(c), Annotated Code of Maryland;
- d) Failure to advise the Montgomery County Police Department of a gold buying event held in Montgomery County on February 3, 2010 within seven (7) days as required by the provisions of Business Regulation Article, §12-206 (b) (1), Annotated Code of Maryland;
- e) Failure to store secondhand precious metal objects at the fixed business address for 18 days as required by the provisions of Business Regulation Article, §12-305 (a) (1), Annotated Code of Maryland ; and
- f) Failure to register the scale used in secondhand precious metal object transactions with the Department of Agriculture as required by the provisions of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 09.25.02.01 and .02.

6. On April 30, 2010, the Respondent surrendered License Nos. 2348 and 2348-01 to a representative of the Department.

7. The Respondent acknowledges that she has violated Business Regulation Article, §§12-301 (a), (d) and (e), 12-302 (a) (1) (3), (4), (5) and (6), 12-304 (a)-(c), 12-206 (b) (1), and 12-305 (a) (1), Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 09.25.02.01 and 02, based on the actions of her employee, Chaim, a/k/a Ryan, Schwartz.

8. The Respondent, by entering into this Consent Order, expressly waives the right to have the pending allegations by the Department reduced to written charges, the right to an administrative hearing on the charges and the making of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, any and all further proceedings before the Department to which the Respondent may be entitled in this matter, and any rights to appeal from this Order.

9. The Respondent enters into this Consent Order freely, knowingly and voluntarily, and with the advice of counsel.

BASED ON THESE STIPULATIONS, IT IS, THIS 25 DAY OF October, 2010, BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION:

ORDERED that the Respondent has violated Business Regulation Article, §§12-301 (a), (d) and (e), 12-302 (a) (1), (3), (4), (5) and (6), 12-304 (a)-(c), 12-206 (b) (1), and 12-305 (a) (1), Annotated Code of Maryland, as well as COMAR 09.25.02.01 and .02, and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent, having turned in her licenses (Nos. 2348 and 2348-01) to the Department, may not apply for a license as a secondhand precious metal object dealer prior to June 1, 2013, and it is further

ORDERED that the Department's records and publications reflect the discipline imposed on the Respondent.

(RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE
APPEARS ON ORIGINAL ORDER)

LISA P. MEISTER

DEPUTY SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
APPEARS ON ORIGINAL ORDER

LEONARD J. HOWIE, III
DEPUTY SECRETARY
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
LICENSING AND REGULATION

October 21, 2010
Date