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CALIFORNIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY ISSUES CITATION TO LICENSEE

San Juan Capistrano Psychological Assistant Accused of Fraudulently or Neglectfully Misrepresenting License Type

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Board of Psychology (Board) has issued a Citation to Amal H. Nardi, PsyD, #32916, of San Juan Capistrano for allegedly signing federal forms, stating she was a clinical psychologist, and diagnosing individuals with various disorders without a license.

According to the <u>Citation</u>, Nardi was allegedly advertising on her website that she prepares federal forms that waive components of the naturalization requirements for immigrants by diagnosing individuals with medical impairments. Only a licensed psychologist can perform those duties. Nardi was a registered psychological assistant until her license expired and was canceled in 2017 but was not a licensed psychologist at the time of these representations.

The Board alleges Nardi made false and misleading statements, fraudulently or neglectfully misrepresented the type or status of license or registration held and violated rules of the Business and Professions Code. The Board has ordered Nardi to cease all practice and misrepresentation as a psychologist.

The <u>Citation</u> is available on <u>Nardi's licensing detail page</u> at https://search.dca.ca.gov/.

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