



**Agenda Item III.H.1.**  
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## *Arizona State Board of Nursing*

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December 12, 2008

Guy Caraffa  
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### **RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER**

Dear Mr. Caraffa:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have been representing yourself as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) while on faculty as the clinical coordinator and instructor at the Glendale, Arizona campus of Midwestern University, Nurse Anesthesia Program. In September 2005, and related to allegations of narcotic diversion and substance abuse, you entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board of Nursing and surrendered your nursing license. The Board of Nursing has additionally confirmed via the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists that your certification as a CRNA ended in July 2006 and recertification has not been granted.

Without valid and current nursing licensure in Arizona, you may not represent to the public through the use of any title, initials or otherwise that you are authorized to practice as a nurse in the State of Arizona. In addition, you may not use the title CRNA, including but not limited to: business cards, name badge, employer websites, application for employment, or as part of your signature. Use of the title CRNA implies to the public that you have a current foundational license (RN) for which certification as a CRNA is required.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666(A)(1)(2): It is unlawful for a person who is not licensed or certified under this chapter to: (1) Practice or offer to practice professional or practical nursing in this state. (2) Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, figures, sign, card or device to indicate that the person or any other person is a registered, graduate or professional nurse.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1636: Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice professional nursing in this state or in a party state pursuant to section 32-1668 may use the title "nurse", "registered nurse", "graduate nurse" or "professional nurse" or the abbreviation "R.N."

The Arizona Board of Nursing demands that you immediately cease and desist implying to the public of Arizona that you are authorized to practice as a Registered Nurse or as a CRNA in the State of Arizona. Please remove or cause to be removed any title referencing you as a CRNA including any web site information via Midwestern University or otherwise that implies to the public that you are authorized to practice nursing in the State of Arizona.

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If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Valerie Smith at (602) 889-5206.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joey Ridenour in cursive script.

Joey Ridenour, R.N., M.N., F.A.A.N.  
Executive Director

JR/VS:dh

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