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Dr. Bert Toivola
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Cordant Health Solutions
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RE: Blanket License Application for Texas Forensic Science Commission Forensic Analyst and Technician Licenses under Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651, Subchapter C.

Dear Dr. Toivola:

With some exceptions, the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 38.35, requires a Forensic Analyst and/or Technician to be licensed by the Texas Forensic Science Commission (FSC) as a predicate to performing forensic analysis of physical evidence in a criminal action.

Under certain limited circumstances as described in the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651, Subchapter C, Section 651.220, the Commission may grant a blanket license for an out-of-state laboratory upon application by the laboratory to ensure the availability of uncommon forensic analyses, timeliness of forensic analyses, and/or service to counties with limited access to forensic analysis.

The Commission has reviewed and approved your blanket license application based on fulfillment of one or more of the categories describe above and based on the representations you made in your application. If any of the information in your application should change, including but not limited to the description of employee positions, the volume of Texas casework and any other representations made in your application, please notify the Commission office as soon as possible.

The term of your blanket license is effective **December 31, 2018 through December 31, 2019**. Within thirty (30) days of the date your blanket license expires, you must apply to the Commission for renewal of your blanket license. FSC licensure of any particular analyst is contingent upon compliance with Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651, including requirements of reviewing, understanding and complying with the [Code of Professional Responsibility](#) and reviewing and understanding all training materials related to *Brady v. Maryland* discovery

obligations and the Michael Morton Act (Tex. Code Crim. Proc. art. 39.14) as provided by the Commission in the TopClass online platform.

Please be reminded that FSC accreditation is contingent upon compliance with Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 651, including requirements of reporting correspondence, reports or communication between the laboratory and the accrediting body and compliance with Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 38.01 § 4 that requires accredited crime laboratories to report professional negligence or professional misconduct to the Commission.

Each of your analysts and/or technicians must individually apply for his/her license in TopClass and upload your approved blanket license application when prompted in order to be granted a license by the Commission. For instructions on applying, please visit our website [here](#). New employees who are not specifically covered by your current blanket application must apply to be added to your license before performing any Texas casework.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Leigh M. Savage

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FSC Licensing Program Administrator