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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

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IN THE MATTER OF	:	
	:	Administrative Action
NICK ECONOMOU, Ed.D	:	
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LICENSED TO PRACTICE	:	CONSENT ORDER
PSYCHOLOGY IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information regarding the psychological services offered by Nick Economou, Ed.D ("respondent") to J.T. Specifically, it is alleged that at the request of the attorney representing J.T.'s ex-wife, respondent had written a report concerning the therapy he had provided to J.T. and the ex-wife. Without the consent of J.T., the report included confidential information disclosed by J.T. during a conjoint session which J.T. and his ex-wife had with respondent.

In a response to the Board regarding the allegation, respondent admits to the breach of confidentiality but provides

some mitigating factors. Respondent states that after sending the report to the attorney, he consulted with a colleague and realized that he had breached confidentiality. He then called the attorney the day after the report was sent to request that it be returned. Respondent contends that the attorney had promised that the report would not be released until respondent had an opportunity to delete confidential information regarding J.T.

Upon review of the whole record, it appears to the Board that respondent breached the confidentiality of J.T. when he included certain information in the report sent to the ex-wife's attorney. The Board finds that this conduct is in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-28 and N.J.A.C. 13:42-8.5 which, with limited exceptions not germane to this matter, preserve the confidentiality of information obtained from a client in the course of the licensee's practice.

The respondent being desirous of resolving this matter without resort to formal proceedings, and the Board having determined that the following provisions are sufficiently protective of the public interest and welfare, and for good cause shown,

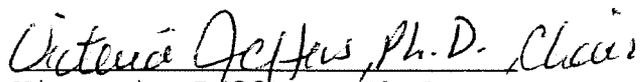
IT IS ON THIS 5th DAY OF May 2003

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

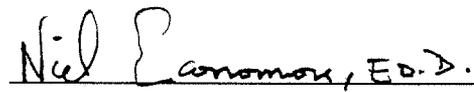
1. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for his breach of confidential client information in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-28 and N.J.A.C. 13:42-8.5.

2. Respondent shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the State of New Jersey, and sent to Carmella Volz, Acting Executive Director, Board of Psychological Examiners, P.O. Box 45017, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The payment shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days following the entry date of this Order.

STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER


Victoria Jeffers, Ph.D.
Chair

I have read and understand
the within Order and agree
to be bound by its terms.
Consent is hereby given
to the Board to enter this
Order.


Nick Economou, Ed.D

From: Board Violation: (none)

Complaint #	Docket #	Cause #	State	Start	End	Action
Practicing Psychologist license #35SI00135500:						
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