

for licensure also included a gambling conviction in 1985 which respondent failed to disclose in his application for licensure.

Respondent appeared pro se before the Committee on July 19, 2004 to discuss his criminal history. He testified about his arrests thirty-five years ago for drug possession and armed robbery and his rehabilitative success. He also provided letters of recommendation discussing the excellent work he has performed for Integrity House over the past thirty-four years. During his testimony, respondent again failed to disclose the 1985 gambling conviction. Upon questioning whether he had been convicted in 1985 of establishing a place for gambling, respondent admitted that he had been convicted and then testified that he had forgotten about the conviction. Upon further questioning whether he had been confined for weekends for three years as a result of that conviction, respondent testified "yes" and admitted that he had failed to disclose the conviction on his application. He also testified that he had not reported the conviction to his employer. Respondent admitted that he was mistaken in failing to disclose all of his criminal history including the 1985 conviction for establishing a gambling place. He expressed remorse about his lack of candor. He also discussed how his rehabilitation had changed his life and how he has been able to work with many people to improve their lives.

The Committee having reviewed his application, letters of recommendation, evidence of success in the field of alcohol and drug counseling, that the last criminal conviction was more than eighteen years ago and that he admits his mistakes and has remorse regarding the failure to disclose his 1985 conviction; and the Committee finding that the following disposition of this matter is adequately protective of the public, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 23 DAY OF SEPT, 2004
ORDERED:

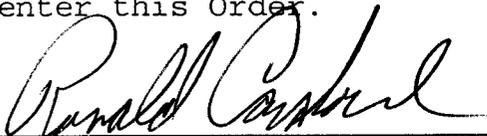
1. Respondent is reprimanded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) for his act of misrepresentation or deception in failing to disclose his 1985 conviction for establishing a gambling place.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COMMITTEE OF THE NEW
JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS



Edward Reading
Committee Chair, LCADC

I have read the above order
and I understand and agree to
abide by its terms. Consent is
hereby given to the Committee
of Alcohol and Drug Counselors
of the Board of Marriage and
Family Therapy Examiners to
enter this Order.



Ronald Cardone