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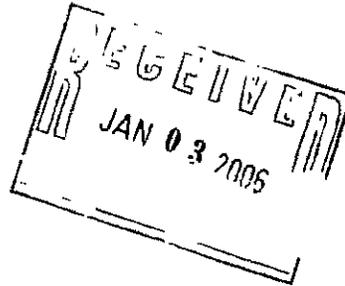
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Re: Modified Offer of Settlement In Lieu of Filing a Formal Disciplinary Complaint

Dear Dr. Dorf:

This letter is to advise you that the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners (the "Board") has had an opportunity to review information concerning your reinstatement of license to practice psychology in the state of New Jersey that was received on or about January 18, 2004. Specifically, the information reviewed included the reinstatement application that indicated that the last renewal was due June 30, 2003 or within thirty (30) days of that date. An affidavit explained that you did not notice that your license had expired in June 2003. You were prompted by your children's request that you submit a name change and that you notify the Board of your address change when you became aware that your license had expired. Furthermore, you acknowledge by affidavit that you continued to work as a psychologist in private practice during the period that your license was expired. You have also requested that the Board waive the \$600.00 reinstatement fee and the criminal background requirement and fee as it is your belief that you were not at fault in your failure to renew your license.

Upon review of all available information, the Board has preliminarily found that probable cause exists to support a finding that you violated N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b) and (c) in that you failed to renew your license within thirty days of the June 30, 2003 renewal period and you continued to practice with a suspended license after July 30, 2003.

At this juncture, the Board has preliminarily concluded that the above violations are sufficient to warrant the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings against you. Notwithstanding that decision, however, the Board has determined that it will first offer you an opportunity to settle this matter, and thereby avoid the initiation of disciplinary proceedings, should you consent to:

1. Cease and desist from continuing to practice psychology in the future if you have not renewed your license in a timely fashion.
2. Pay a penalty in the amount of \$1000.00 (to be paid immediately upon your signing of the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter). Payment is to be made by certified check or money order, made payable to the State Board of Psychological Examiners and sent to the attention of J. Michael Walker, Executive Director at P.O. Box 45017, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

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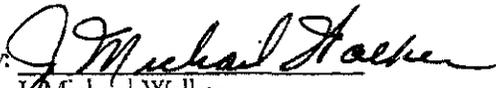
3. The Board rejects your request for the waiver of the reinstatement fee and the criminal background fees as the imposition of these fees are established by statutory authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-23 which the Board does not have the right to waive.

If you are willing to settle this matter on the offered settlement terms, you may do so by signing the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to the Board office. Upon your signature, this letter will be a matter of public record.

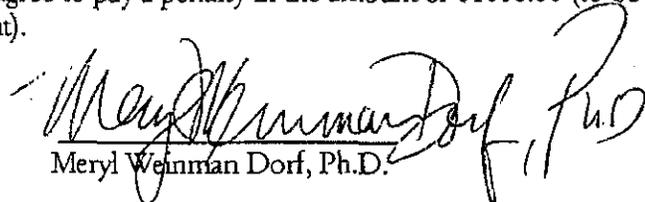
In the event you are unwilling to settle this matter on the offered terms, it will be referred to the Attorney General's office for the initiation of appropriate enforcement action. In such event, you will be afforded an opportunity to defend against the alleged violations. If an evidentiary hearing is deemed warranted the Board will either conduct that hearing at a date and time to be scheduled or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Law. You are advised, however, that in the event formal charges are filed, the Board may assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that herein offered in settlement should any charges against you be sustained. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order, requiring you to reimburse certain monies and/or requiring you to pay costs incurred by the Board. Should you have any questions concerning this letter or the settlement offer herein, I suggest that you contact Deputy Attorney General Carmen A. Rodriguez who may be reached at (973) 648-3696.

If you elect to settle this matter presently, you should sign the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter and return it to the Board within fifteen (15) days following your receipt of this letter. In the event that the Board receives no response from you within fifteen (15) days, the Board's settlement offer will be withdrawn, and the matter will be referred to the Attorney General's Office for the initiation of appropriate enforcement proceedings.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF  
PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

By:   
Michael Walker  
Executive Director

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I, Meryl Weinman Dorf, Ph.D, hereby acknowledge that I have read and reviewed the settlement proposal set forth in the above letter. I acknowledge the conduct which has been charged. I am aware that, by signing this acknowledgment, I am waiving any rights I may have to defend myself against any charges of wrongdoing at an administrative hearing. I am also aware that the action taken against me by the Board herein is a matter of public record, and that this letter is a public document. I hereby agree to pay a penalty in the amount of \$1000.00 (to be paid upon signing of this acknowledgment).

  
Meryl Weinman Dorf, Ph.D.

Dated:

cc: Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General