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DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
OF THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF	:	Administrative Action
THE LICENSE OF	:	
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ROBERT DEYOUNG	:	CONSENT ORDER OF VOLUNTARY
	:	SURRENDER OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE
TO PRACTICE CLINICAL ALCOHOL	:	CLINICAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG
AND DRUG COUNSELING IN THE	:	COUNSELING
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened before the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Committee"), upon review of a Consent Order from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (hereinafter "Pennsylvania"), filed on June 16, 2005. The Pennsylvania Consent Order stated that respondent had voluntarily surrendered his license to practice psychology in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Consent Order alleges that respondent engaged in a sexual relationship with a female client two (2) months after the female client ended therapeutic marriage counseling with respondent. The Consent Order further alleges respondent continued to provide individual therapy not related to marriage counseling to the husband while respondent was engaging in a sexual relationship with the female client.

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Consent Order, respondent is precluded from engaging in the practice of psychology in Pennsylvania and from representing himself as a psychologist in Pennsylvania. Respondent is presently licensed in New Jersey as a Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor and a Marriage and Family Therapist. On April 19, 2005 respondent also applied for a license to be a Professional Counselor.

On February 9, 2006 respondent appeared pro se before a joint committee of the New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee and the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners. Respondent testified that he is presently practicing in Pennsylvania as a counselor/psychotherapist and provides biofeedback services. Respondent asserted that in Pennsylvania, he is permitted to continue to practice as a counselor/psychotherapist provided that he does not designate himself as a licensed psychologist and that he is qualified to perform the counseling services that he is providing. Respondent further testified that although he did not admit in the Pennsylvania Consent Order that he engaged in a sexual relationship with his former client, he had in fact engaged in a sexual relationship with a female client (in 1998), two (2) months after she terminated the therapeutic relationship. Additionally, respondent testified that the female client had originally been treated with her husband in marriage and family therapy and that respondent continued to provide individual therapy to the husband for issues not related to the marriage while respondent was engaged in a sexual relationship with the wife. Respondent further acknowledged that he acted inappropriately with that client but denied that he had engaged in any other sexual relationship with a client. Respondent asserted that he had practiced as a licensed psychologist in Pennsylvania for sixteen (16) years without any prior discipline. Further, respondent

advised the joint committee that at the time of his misconduct, he was undergoing a difficult divorce.

Respondent further admitted that he did not notify the Committee that he had voluntarily surrendered his Pennsylvania license to practice psychology based upon allegations of sexual misconduct in violation of the Committee's regulation requiring a licensee to report a voluntary surrender of license. N.J.A.C. 13:34C-3.4(a)1.

The Committee has reviewed respondent's experience in the field of alcohol and drug counseling, the documents he presented and his testimony before the Committee on February 9, 2006. The Committee has also considered respondent's acknowledgment of his errors, as well as his remorse relating to his inappropriate and unethical conduct. The Committee found his testimony sincere and remorseful, but that his conduct was misguided, unprofessional and unethical.

Respondent at this time has agreed to the voluntary surrender of his license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling in the State of New Jersey in accordance with the terms of this Consent Order. The Committee finds the terms of this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, resolving this matter only on behalf of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, and respondent desiring to resolve this matter without further proceedings;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 13TH DAY OF July, 2006

ORDERED:

1. Respondent, Robert DeYoung shall immediately surrender his license to practice alcohol and drug counseling in the State of New Jersey to be deemed a suspension with prejudice precluding respondent from applying for reinstatement of license and respondent shall cease and desist from such practice. Respondent has already delivered his original wall certificate. He shall also deliver his license and wallet size credential (expiration date August 31, 2006) to Ms. Elaine

DeMars, Executive Director of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, P.O. Box 45040, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101 within five (5) days of the filing of this Consent Order.

2. Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in any mental health counseling in the State of New Jersey, including but not limited to alcohol and drug counseling, psychotherapy and/or volunteer or uncompensated counseling.

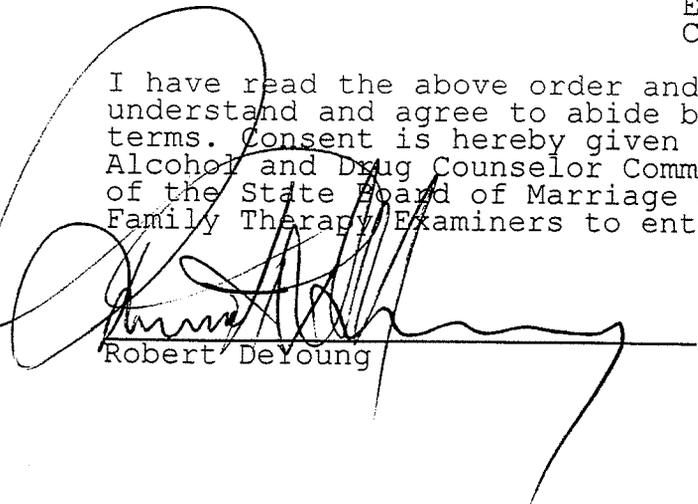
3. Respondent is reprimanded for engaging in a sexual relationship in with a former client ^{AFTER} within two (2) months of the client having ended the therapeutic relationship in 1998 and continuing to treat her husband in individual therapy not related to the marriage therapy, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:34C-3.3(c). Respondent is further reprimanded for failing to notify the Committee that he had voluntarily surrendered his license to practice psychology in Pennsylvania, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:34C-3.4(a)1. RDY.

4. Respondent has paid the costs of the State's investigation in the amount of seven hundred twenty-four dollars and fifty cents (\$724.50) and has submitted the payment to the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

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Edward Reading, LCADC
Committee Chair

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


Robert DeYoung