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EXAMINERS
Edward J. Fisher

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS
COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF
THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

CHERYL SCHEURICH, LPC
LICENSE No. 37PC00327500

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELING IN THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Jennifer Fisher's application for licensure as a Professional Counselor. Ms. Fisher disclosed in her application that although she is not licensed, she worked as a counselor in a for-profit setting under the supervision of respondent, Cheryl Scheurich, LPC and that Ms. Scheurich supervised 2,765 hours of her counseling experience

at New Jersey Mentor, in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. Respondent submitted a letter of recommendation admitting that she was Ms. Fisher's direct supervisor at New Jersey Mentor.

It appears to the Committee that respondent, as Ms. Fisher's supervisor, aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of professional counseling. Respondent permitted and supervised Ms. Fisher's counseling in a for-profit setting despite Ms. Fisher's lack of an associate professional counselor license, the minimum requirement for provision of such services in a for-profit setting in New Jersey.

Having reviewed the entire record, the Committee finds that respondent has aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of professional counseling in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a). It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 9th DAY OF January, 2009

ORDERED:

1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a).

2. Respondent is reprimanded for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n) and N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a).

3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Payment shall be made by certified check

or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The civil penalty shall be paid within three (3) months of the entry of the within Consent Order. Providing that respondent complies with the terms of the Consent Order and provides a certification within thirty (30) days of the entry of the within Consent Order that all therapists that she is currently supervising in any for-profit setting are licensed, the civil penalty shall be stayed.

4. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as are permitted by law.

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J. Barry Mascari, LPC
President

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



Cheryl Schurich, LPC