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

IN THE MATTER OF

BRUCE W. BUCHANAN, LPC
License No. 37PC00192400

ENGAGING IN THE UNLICENSED
PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELING IN THE STATE OF
NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

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CONSENT ORDER

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 Mr. Buchanan's June 25, 2009 application for reinstatement of his license to practice professional counseling. Respondent's license expired on November 30, 2008 and he failed to renew his license for the 2008-2010 biennial renewal. The respondent now requests reinstatement of his license, stating that he has documentation of successful

completion of the required number of continuing education credits during this unlicensed period.

Respondent admits that during the period in which he did not renew his license, he continued to engage in the practice of professional counseling in a private for-profit setting, Centra Professional Corporation, notwithstanding that he did not possess a valid license in New Jersey, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a). Moreover, N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1 provides, among other requirements, that any professional license not renewed within thirty (30) days of its expiration date shall be suspended, and any individual who continues to practice after that date shall be deemed to be engaged in unlicensed practice.

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 6th DAY OF November,

2009

ORDERED:

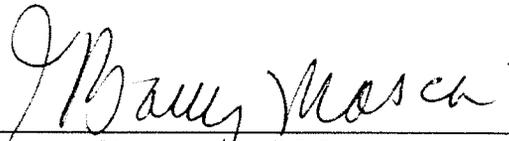
1. Respondent is reprimanded for engaging in the unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-9(a).

2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for practicing professional counseling without a license. 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 simultaneously with the signing of the within order.

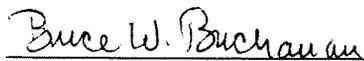
3. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as are permitted by law.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS
COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
EXAMINERS



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.



Bruce W. Buchanan, LPC