



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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

: Administrative Action

BRUCE WOLLMAN, P.T. :  
License No. 40QA00638500 :

: FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY :  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (“Board”) upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

**Findings of Fact**

1. Respondent, Bruce Wollman, P.T., License No. 40QA00638500 holds an active license to practice physical therapy which expires on January 31, 2010.

2. On or about March 30, 2009 Respondent entered into a Consent Agreement and Order with the Pennsylvania Board of Physical Therapy (hereinafter “Pennsylvania Board”) to indefinitely suspend respondent’s license to practice physical therapy in Pennsylvania for no less than three (3) years based upon his guilty plea to one count of Attempted Criminal Sexual Contact in the Superior Court of New Jersey.

3. On or about February 6, 2008 Respondent entered into a guilty plea to one count of Criminal Attempt, Criminal Sexual Contact in the New Jersey Superior Court, Bergen County, Law Division, Criminal, He was sentenced on June 18, 2008 to 270 days in the Bergen County Jail, five years probation, Megan’s Law, submission to psychological counseling, and limited access to internet for business and religious purposes only.

### **Conclusion of Law**

Respondent's criminal conviction in the matter of the State of New Jersey vs. Bruce Wollman, docket number 07-1389-001 provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice physical therapy in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) in that he has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude and relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Board. The above actions also provide grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice physical therapy in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (g), in that Respondent's Pennsylvania license to practice physical therapy has been suspended indefinitely but for no less than three years for conduct which would constitute grounds for discipline in this State.

### **Discussion**

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline ("POD") was filed on or about April 29, 2009, provisionally suspending Respondent's license to practice physical therapy in the State of New Jersey. The POD was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless Respondent submitted a written request for a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law setting forth any and all reasons why said finds and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefore.

In response to the POD, Respondent submitted a letter of explanation dated May 12, 2009 along with a sixteen character witness letters from various friends and colleagues dated between October and November of 2007. Respondent's letter requested the Board to consider the following mitigating factors: 1) that he has served his time of approximately three months in Bergen County Jail 2) that he has been seeing a therapist and has grown and improved as a result 3) that he is a father of three children and he wants to "continue being a father they respect" and 4) he has been a physical therapist for 19 years and his patients have "greatly benefitted and enjoyed receiving extremely caring, healing therapy" from him. Respondent failed, however, to show remorse for this incident and failed to acknowledge his role in the Criminal Attempt, Criminal Sexual Contact offense.

Having evaluated all documents and written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration, the Board continues to find that Respondent's criminal conviction provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice physical therapy in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-12(f) and (g). As such, the Board has determined the POD shall be finalized without modification.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS** on this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of June, 2010, **ORDERED**  
that:

1. Respondent's license to practice physical therapy in the State of New Jersey is suspended until such time as Respondent's license to practice physical therapy in the State of Pennsylvania is fully reinstated without any restrictions and he has satisfied all aspects of the criminal conviction.

2. Prior to resuming active practice in New Jersey, Respondent shall be required to appear before the Board (or a committee thereof) to demonstrate fitness to resume practice including obtaining a psychological evaluation from a licensed health care professional approved by the Board, and any practice in this State prior to said appearance shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice. In addition, the Board reserves the right to place restrictions on Respondent's practice should his license be reinstated.

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