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DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
EXAMINERS, ALCOHOL AND DRUG
COUNSELOR COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF :	:	
	:	Administrative Action
JOHN P. GROSS, CADC,	:	
	:	ORDER OF
	:	LICENSURE
TO PRACTICE CLINICAL ALCOHOL	:	
AND DRUG COUNSELING	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

The New Jersey State Board of State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee ("Committee") has reviewed the application of John P. Gross, for a license as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor. Mr. Gross was granted a certification as an alcohol and drug counselor in May 2012 following an appearance before the Committee during which he discussed his background, including a history of gambling addiction and his criminal history. The charges arose in connection with Mr. Gross's law practice, specifically misappropriation

of client trust funds, an offense for which he was disbarred. In 2002, Mr. Gross pled guilty to theft of immovable property; tampering with public records or information; and theft by failure to make required disposition of property received. He was sentenced in March 2003 to a custodial term of eight years in State Prison, of which he served approximately three years. He successfully completed parole in July 2008. Mr. Gross has since repaid the New Jersey Lawyers Fund for Client Protection.

Mr. Gross has practiced alcohol and drug counseling under his certification without incident. He has now completed a Master's Degree in Addictions Counseling at the Hazeldon Graduate School of Addiction Studies in Center City, Minnesota. He has expressed remorse for his past conduct and seeks to use his experiences in assisting others to address their own addiction issues.

Having met all requirements for licensure, Mr. Gross may be granted a license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling in this State. The Committee finds that issuance of this license is consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare.

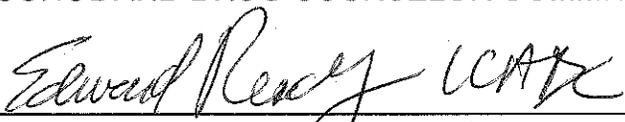
Therefore,

IT IS ON THIS ²⁵ DAY OF *July*, 2014,

HEREBY ORDERED THAT John P. Gross is granted a license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counselor.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS,
ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE

By:



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