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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF: :
: Administrative Action
Douglas Baum, LCSW :
License No. 44SC04602300 : CONSENT ORDER
:
TO PRACTICE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of information that Respondent Douglas Baum, L.C.S.W. ("respondent") had engaged in a long-term sexually intimate relationship with a client, ("C.H.") during the time when respondent was providing psychotherapeutic services to her. Respondent has acknowledged that a sexual relationship began while C.H. was his client.

Respondent's conduct constitutes sexual misconduct in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-10.7 and provides grounds to take disciplinary action against respondent's license to practice

clinical social work in the State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h). The parties desiring to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings, and respondent waiving his right to a hearing in this matter, and the Board finding that entry of this Order adequately protects the public health, safety, and welfare, and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 22nd DAY OF April, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, Respondent shall voluntarily and permanently surrender his license to practice clinical social work in the State of New Jersey, to be deemed a revocation of his license. Respondent agrees that he shall not seek to reinstate his license to practice clinical social work in New Jersey.

2. Upon surrender of his license, Respondent shall cease and desist from advertising, offering to engage in or engaging in the practice of clinical social work, mental health therapy or counseling, personal or life coaching, or the provision of any and all social work services in New Jersey in any setting, including exempt settings as defined by N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-5.

3. Respondent shall surrender his wall certificate, wallet certificate, and his most recent renewal card of his license to practice as a clinical social worker by mailing them to J. Michael Walker, Executive Director, Board of Social Work Examiners, P.O.

Box 45033, Newark, New Jersey 07101, contemporaneously with his signing of this Order.

4. Any practice in this State in violation of the above provisions shall constitute unlicensed practice and/or grounds for discipline for violation of an Order of the Board as well as professional misconduct.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

By: Dawn Apgar
Dawn Apgar, Ph.D., LSW, ACSW
Board President

I have read and understood the foregoing Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board of Social Work Examiners to enter this Order. I understand that this Order has serious professional and legal import, and I have decided to enter into this Order without legal counsel.

Douglas Baum, LCSW
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4/20/15
Date