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PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS  
ON June 17, 2015  
*J. Michael Stalko*

Re: Offer of Settlement In Lieu of Filing a Formal Disciplinary Complaint

Dear Dr. Eaton:

This letter is to advise you that the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners (the "Board") has had an opportunity to review information concerning a complaint filed by M.B. regarding a letter that you wrote to the Camden County Superior Court on behalf of his former wife, your client. The letter made some statements regarding the complainant and his thought processes. A review of the submissions in this matter confirms that you were the therapist for M.B.'s former spouse and that during the course of the therapy to your client you saw M.B. for only one session. M.B., the ex-spouse of a client was not evaluated or examined for psychological services.

Upon review of all available information, it appears to the Board that you have included language in a letter to the Court about an individual who was never your client and whom you did not personally examine or evaluate. The language in the letter to the Court questioned the validity of M.B.'s thought processes based upon information gathered from sources other than the individual.

Therefore, the Board is warning you to be mindful in the future regarding making statements to a Court about someone whom you have not evaluated or examined and with whom you had very little interaction. Should you wish to continue to interact with Courts in the future you shall obtain additional forensic training.

It also appears to the Board that your conduct in writing a letter to the court of an individual who was not your client and whom you met on only one occasion and did not evaluate or examine constituted professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

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At this juncture, the Board has preliminarily concluded that the above violations are sufficient to warrant the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings against you. Notwithstanding that decision, however, the Board has determined that it will first offer you an opportunity to settle this matter, and thereby avoid the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings, should you consent to:

1. Cease and desist in the future from corresponding with a Court when you have not evaluated or examined an individual.
2. A formal warning is hereby issued for presenting written correspondence to a Court where you had not evaluated or examined the individual in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

If you are willing to settle this matter on the offered settlement terms, you may do so by signing the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to the Board office. Upon your signature, this letter will be a matter of public record.

In the event that you are unwilling to settle this matter on the offered terms, it will be referred to the Attorney General's office for the initiation of appropriate enforcement action. In such event, you will be afforded an opportunity to defend against the alleged violations. If an evidentiary hearing is deemed warranted the Board will either conduct that hearing at a date and time to be scheduled or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Law. You are advised, however, that in the event formal charges are filed, the Board may assess civil penalties should any charges against you be sustained. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order requiring you to reimburse certain monies and/or requiring you to pay costs incurred by the Board. Should you have any questions concerning this letter or the settlement offer herein, contact either myself or Deputy Attorney General, Carmen A. Rodriguez at (973) 648-3696.

If you elect to settle this matter presently, you should sign the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter and return it to the Board within fifteen (15) days following your receipt of this letter. In the event that the Board receives no response from you within fifteen (15) days, the Board's settlement offer will be withdrawn, and the matter will be referred to the Attorney General's Office for the initiation of appropriate enforcement proceedings.

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By:   
J. Michael Walker  
Executive Director

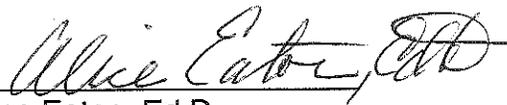
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I, Alice Eaton, Ed. D. , hereby acknowledge that I have read and reviewed the settlement proposal set forth in the above letter. I acknowledge the conduct which has been charged. I am aware that, by signing this acknowledgment, I am waiving any rights I may have to defend myself against any charges of wrongdoing at an administrative hearing. I am also aware that the action taken against me by the Board herein is a matter of public record, and that this letter is a public document. I hereby agree to a formal warning to cease and desist from making written submissions to a court concerning an individual that I have not evaluated or examined.

Dated:

  
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Alice Eaton, Ed.D.

c: Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General