

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

In the Matter of
Jill M. Ajao, Psy.D., L.P.
License No. LP3557

**STIPULATION AND
CONSENT ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by Jill M. Ajao, Psy.D., L.P. (Licensee), and the Minnesota Board of Psychology (Board) as follows:

1. Licensee has been and now is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which she holds a license to practice psychology in the State of Minnesota for all times material herein.

FACTS

2. For the purpose of this stipulation, the Board may consider the following facts as true:

a. Licensee was licensed by the Board in 1996. As of October 2006, Licensee was in solo practice in an office building on Selby Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota. Since about November 2006, Licensee has been practicing psychology at [redacted], a mental health agency in Woodbury, Minnesota. Licensee specializes in the treatment of clients with eating disorders. Her clientele consists mainly of women.

b. Licensee filed a police report in which she falsely claimed that a prospective client had raped her. Licensee also implicated another psychologist as a possible suspect in her alleged rape. Licensee's conduct during the police investigation is further described below:

1) On October 26, 2006, Licensee reported to police that on October 24, 2006, she had been raped in her Selby Avenue office by a man who had contacted

her asking to be seen as a client. Licensee stated the alleged rapist made her perform various sexual acts on him and that he performed various sexual acts on her.

2) In or before early 2007, Licensee admitted to the police investigator assigned to her case that she had not met her alleged rapist as a new client. Rather, she had met him online and then met with him in person to discuss how she might go about creating a fantasy for her husband. Licensee told the police investigator that, although the circumstances of her contact with the man were different from what she originally reported, her statement about having been raped was true and she considered the alleged rapist to be a significant public safety threat.

3) Licensee's report of being raped in her Selby Avenue office building resulted in media coverage and great concern in the surrounding neighborhood. Police resources were expended to investigate Licensee's report and pictures/sketches of the suspected rapist were publicized. On January 5, 2007, Licensee submitted to the police a "Voluntary Request To Terminate An Investigation," requesting that no further action be taken regarding her report of being raped.

4) On January 31, 2007, the police investigator sent a letter to Licensee enclosing a criminal citation for Obstructing Legal Process and Falsely Reporting Crime. The letter states that the police investigator would hold the citation for one week before submitting it to the City Attorney in the event Licensee had information that might identify the suspect. "CXL" was subsequently written over the copy of the citation, apparently meaning it was cancelled.

5) Licensee helped the police locate her alleged rapist by sending an e-mail message to him under a false e-mail identity she created. However, she also sent e-mail messages to her alleged rapist under her real name asking him to destroy evidence by erasing his

computer history and telling him she would reimburse him for his legal fees and that she was trying to protect her professional career.

6) Licensee's alleged rapist was identified based on information she supplied to the police. The alleged rapist was interviewed by the police investigator and stated that the sexual activity alleged by Licensee did occur but that it was consensual. The alleged rapist gave the police investigator copies of e-mail messages between him and Licensee which indicate Licensee corresponded with him about sexual domination/submissiveness, including her interest in having a forceful sexual encounter, and arranged to meet him the afternoon of October 24, 2006. Contrary to Licensee's statements to the police in October 2006 and January 2007 that she had been raped, several of Licensee's e-mail messages indicate the sexual activity between her and the alleged rapist was consensual.

7) On December 17, 2007, Licensee was charged with falsely reporting a crime, in violation of Minn. Stat. § 609.505, a misdemeanor crime. On April 1, 2008, Licensee pled guilty to falsely reporting a crime, a misdemeanor.

c. Licensee failed to maintain appropriate boundaries and was deceptive with one or more clients regarding her false report of a crime.

d. Licensee has a history of mental health problems and her conduct in reporting the alleged rape raises questions about her ability to practice psychology with reasonable skill and safety to clients. In addition, documentation from Licensee's mental health providers suggests Licensee has not been fully forthcoming in disclosing her mental health history and information about the events surrounding and following her alleged rape in October 2006. Such information may have been relevant to the diagnoses, conclusions, treatment recommendations, and treatment rendered by these providers. For example:

1) Licensee apparently had an eating disorder at some time in her past, although that history is not documented in records obtained by the Board from Licensee's mental health providers and is also not documented in a report discussing Licensee's psychological evaluation dated April 1, 2007. During her interview with an investigator from the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, Licensee also mentioned a history of sexual abuse, which is referenced in some but not all of her mental health records.

2) Licensee saw a therapist for six sessions in 2001 due to symptoms of anxiety and depression after the birth of her third child. Licensee reported to the therapist that she had been treated for depression at the age of 24 and had taken Prozac for a time. Licensee indicated her postpartum depression "turned out to be" a thyroid disorder. Licensee also saw the therapist on February 28, 2007. However, after listening to Licensee's situation, the therapist decided she lacked the expertise or necessary collateral professional network to treat Licensee and referred Licensee to two other psychologists.

3) Licensee saw psychologist #1 from October 5, 2006, through February 22, 2007, including her intake and therapy sessions on October 12 and 19, 2006. Licensee's next session with psychologist #1 was on November 21, 2006, when psychologist #1 documented that Licensee had been "raped 3 wks ago." Psychologist #1 also documented Licensee had called her about the rape, and she had recommended Licensee call her husband and the police. On December 7, 2006, Licensee reported to psychologist #1 that she was meeting with the police investigator; she was feeling unsettled; she was always looking for the rapist, who wore a baseball cap and had a goatee; she "didn't fight hard enough"; the rapist "was degrading"; and she felt she was not believed. Licensee continued to discuss the alleged rape with psychologist #1 in subsequent sessions. However, there is no indication Licensee ever

disclosed to psychologist #1 the truth about the consensual nature of the encounter or filing a false report.

4) Licensee saw psychologist #2 for marital counseling from early March through at least July 19, 2007. Psychologist #2's records contain an undated "Background" information form that appears to have been completed by Licensee, which states that Licensee has a pending difficulty with law enforcement: "false report of crime, obstruction of justice." The form also states Licensee is currently receiving counseling from a therapist, although as noted above, on February 28, 2007, the therapist had declined to treat Licensee. In response to the question about alcohol use, Licensee circled "Never." On March 6, 2007, psychologist #2 documented Licensee's disclosure that her husband has never been comfortable with her drinking and that she quit drinking when her mother was diagnosed with cancer. Licensee also reported to psychologist #2 her use of prescribed testosterone and that she had stopped taking testosterone until one month earlier. Licensee disclosed information about visiting a Web site for sexual partners and certain information about the alleged rape. There is no indication Licensee discussed with psychologist #2 the alleged rape incident, the consensual nature of the encounter, or her false report of a crime.

REGULATIONS

3. The Board views Licensee's practices as described above to be in violation of statutes and rules enforced by the Board. Licensee agrees that the conduct cited above constitutes a violation of Minn. Stat. § 148.941, subds. 2(a)(1) (2006) (statute, rule, or order Board is empowered to enforce); 2(a)(2) (fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest conduct); 2(a)(3) (unprofessional conduct), and Minn. R. 7200.5700 (2005); 2(a)(10) (mental or physical illness or condition); § 148.98 (2006) and Minn. R. 7200.4500 (2005) (conduct/ethics); Minn. R. 7200.4810, subps. 1 (2005) (impaired objectivity); and 2.D. (severe physical or mental health

problem); and Minn. R. 7200.5600 (2005) (conduct likely to deceive or defraud the public or Board); and constitutes a reasonable basis in law and fact to justify the disciplinary action provided for in the order.

REMEDY

4. Upon this stipulation and without any further notice or proceedings, Licensee consents until further order of the Board, made after notice and hearing upon application by Licensee or upon the Board's own motion, the Board may make and enter an order as follows:

a. Licensee's license is **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**.

b. Licensee shall not practice, attempt to practice, offer to practice, or advertise or hold out as authorized to practice as a psychologist in the State of Minnesota for which licensure is required, nor shall she engage in the provision of mental health services as an unlicensed mental health practitioner as defined by Minn. Stat. § 148B.60, subd. 3 (2008).

c. Licensee shall undergo a multidisciplinary assessment evaluation at an evaluation program designated by the Complaint Resolution Committee (Committee). Licensee is responsible for the cost of the evaluation, as well as all other expenses incidental to the evaluation; however, the results of the evaluation shall be sent directly to the Committee by the evaluator. The evaluation will include, but is not limited to, a general psychiatric evaluation, an assessment of the behaviors set forth in paragraph 2 above, a fitness-for-duty evaluation, and treatment recommendations. Licensee shall sign all necessary waivers and releases of information to allow the evaluator to communicate and exchange information regarding Licensee with the Committee and any other person who previously conducted an assessment of Licensee or was previously involved in the care and/or treatment of Licensee.

d. Following receipt of the evaluation by the Committee, Licensee shall meet with the Committee to discuss the results of the evaluation and the status of her license as a

Licensed Psychologist in Minnesota. If the Committee and Licensee are unable to agree on a resolution, the Committee shall initiate a contested case hearing within 30 days.

5. Licensee has been advised by Board representatives that she may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Licensee is represented by Philip G. Villaume, Esq. The Complaint Resolution Committee is represented by Nathan W. Hart, Assistant Attorney General.

6. Licensee waives all formal hearings on this matter and all other procedures before the Board to which Licensee may be entitled under the Minnesota or United States constitutions, statutes, or rules and agrees that the order to be entered pursuant to the stipulation shall be the final order herein.

7. Licensee hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives any and all claims against the Board, the Minnesota Attorney General, the State of Minnesota and their agents, employees and representatives which may otherwise be available to Licensee under the Americans With Disabilities Act or the Minnesota Human Rights Act relative to the action taken or authorized against Licensee's license to practice psychology under this stipulation.

8. Licensee hereby acknowledges that she has read, understands, and agrees to this stipulation and has freely and voluntarily signed the stipulation without threat or promise by the Board or any of its members, employees, or agents. When signing the stipulation, Licensee acknowledges she is fully aware the stipulation is not binding unless and until it is approved by the Board. The Board may either approve the Stipulation and Consent Order as proposed, approve the Stipulation and Consent Order subject to specified change, or reject it. If the changes are acceptable to Licensee, the stipulation will then take effect and the order as modified will be issued. If the changes are unacceptable to Licensee or the Board rejects the stipulation, it will be of no effect except as specified herein.

9. This Stipulation and Consent Order constitutes a disciplinary action against Licensee.

10. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a public document and will be sent to all appropriate data banks.

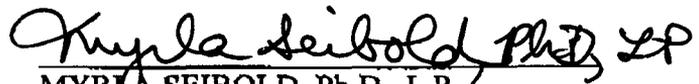
11. This stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies this stipulation.

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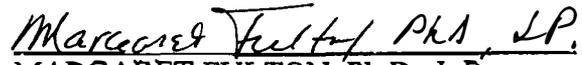
COMPLAINT RESOLUTION
COMMITTEE


JILL M. AJAO, Psy.D., L.P.
Licensee

Dated: 10-8-08


MYRLE SEIBOLD, Ph.D., L.P.

Dated: 10/10/08


MARGARET FULTON, Ph.D., L.P.

Dated: 10/10/08


SUSAN WARD

Dated: 10 October 2008

ORDER

Upon consideration of this stipulation and all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Licensee's license to practice as a psychologist is **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED** and that all other terms of this stipulation are adopted and implemented by the Board this 10th day of OCTOBER, 2008.

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PAULINE WALKER-SINGLETON
Executive Director

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