

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

In the Matter of
Edwin P. Anderson, D.Min., L.P.
License No. LP0003

**STIPULATION AND
CONSENT ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by Edwin P. Anderson, D.Min., L.P. (Licensee) and the Minnesota Board of Psychology (Board) as follows:

1. During all times herein, Licensee has been and now is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which he holds a license to practice psychology in the state of Minnesota.

FACTS

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

a. On May 7, 14, and 21, 1980, Licensee provided counseling to client #1 at a Christian counseling service. Client #1 presented with depression and suicidal thoughts. With respect to client #1 the following occurred:

1) On June 19 or June 20, 1981, client #1 assisted in moving Licensee's counseling office to a new location.

2) At the end of the moving day, Licensee and client #1 returned to Licensee's former office to ensure that no items had been left behind. Licensee asked client #1 to rub his shoulders and she agreed. Licensee then turned around and attempted to kiss client #1. Client #1 said "No," or "Why does this always have to happen?" at which time Licensee stopped." The incident ended and both Licensee and client #1 left for their separate vehicles.

3) Client #1 also scheduled a session with Licensee on August 6, 1981, but did not keep her appointment.

4) Licensee met with client #1 and her therapist on two occasions in 1992 to discuss Licensee's 1981 conduct with client #1. During those meetings Licensee acknowledged that his conduct with client #1 was wrong and apologized.

b. On December 10, 1980, client #2 sought counseling from Licensee. Licensee provided individual therapy to client #2 for issues involving childhood sibling sexual abuse, anger and depression, and frustration about her husband and her children. With respect to client #2 the following occurred:

1) During a therapy session, Licensee shared with client #2 his frustrations about his sexual relationship with his wife.

2) After eight therapy sessions, client #2 told Licensee she and her husband were moving and Licensee prepared a "Terminal Summary" dated March 5, 1981.

3) Subsequent to her move, client #2 saw Licensee for therapy sessions on June 11, 1982, July 14, 1982, and July 19, 1982. Licensee and client #2 met in his office on these dates.

4) Licensee did not charge client #2 for sessions on the following dates: 2/3/81; 2/10/81; 2/19/81; 3/5/81; 9/17/81; and 6/11/82. Licensee did not bill for the sessions because in his mind the relationship was a developing friendship and not therapy.

5) Licensee administered the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI) to client #2 on or about July 8, 1982, which is during the period Licensee describes as involving a friendship with client #2. Licensee maintained the test results in client #2's therapy file.

6) Client #2 telephoned Licensee about six times after she moved away, especially when she felt "panicky." Client #2 returned to see Licensee approximately three times between 1982 and 1987 when she visited the Twin Cities. Licensee and client #2 met on days when Licensee's secretary was not in. Licensee did not consider the sessions to be therapy sessions. He described them as conversational sessions during which client #2 and

he occasionally discussed personal matters in their lives. Client #2 made sure the blinds were closed when she met Licensee at his office, and Licensee kissed client #2 when they met.

7) Sometime prior to March 1983, Licensee and client #2 engaged in physical intimacies in Licensee's office. Specifically, client #2 sat on Licensee's lap with her blouse open.

8) On two of the visits referenced in b.6) above, while client #2 was no longer considered a client of Licensee's, the following occurred:

a) On one occasion in 1985, Licensee and client #2 spent a few hours together in his office engaged in petting.

b) In the spring of 1987, client #2 called Licensee and invited him to a motel. Licensee declined, but later met with client #2 at his office. Licensee admits that he and client #2 engaged in sexual contact on the couch and on the floor of Licensee's office. This was the last instance of sexual intimacy between Licensee and client #2.

c. From 1984 to 1985 Licensee provided therapy to client #3. Licensee reports that therapy terminated in approximately 1985 and that in 1987 Licensee engaged in sexual intercourse with client #3 on two occasions.

d. At a disciplinary conference with the Board's Complaint Resolution Committee on November 22, 1996, Licensee reported that he had been verbally seductive with some other female clients.

e. Between August 22, 1994, and mid-November 1996, Licensee attended approximately 29 therapy sessions with a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker for issues related to his depression, his past sexual behavior, boundary issues, and the complaints made to the Board of Psychology about him. From September 1994 to the present, Licensee usually attended weekly meetings with a "boundary" Sexual Addicts Anonymous group and has had regular contact with his sponsor.

f. Beginning in January 1995, Licensee has been employed as a senior consultant in career management. Licensee works as part of a team, and his employment does

not involve one-to-one psychotherapy, or pastoral care. Licensee does on occasion administer the California Personality Inventory or the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory to clients.

g. On June 13, 1997, and July 1, 1997, Licensee was evaluated by a licensed psychologist with respect to Licensee's psychological and sexual behavior. Licensee underwent the evaluation in cooperation with the Complaint Resolution Committee's request that he do so. During the evaluation, Licensee disclaimed any interest in doing psychotherapy in the future. The evaluation included extensive psychological testing. The evaluator concluded, in part, that Licensee did not pose a particular risk to public safety and welfare in his current employment, in which he was a member of a team and not a sole consultant with a client.

REGULATIONS

3. The Board views Licensee's practices as described in paragraph 2 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. § 148.98 (code of ethics), Minn. R. 7200.4810, subs. 1, 2.A., and 2.E. (formerly Minn. R. 7200.4800)(impaired objectivity, client exploitation); Minn. R. 7200.4900, subp. 8 (physical intimacies with clients); and Minn. R. 7200.5700 (unprofessional conduct), 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 record, and without any further notice or hearing herein, Licensee does hereby consent that 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 at its discretion make and enter an order as follows:

a. Licensee is hereby **REPRIMANDED** for engaging in the conduct described in paragraph 2 above.

b. Upon this stipulation and without any further notice of proceedings, the Board places Licensee's license in a **RESTRICTED AND CONDITIONAL** status. Licensee's retention of his license is conditional upon his complying with and/or submitting or causing to be submitted at least the following:

(1) **Restricted Practice Setting.** Licensee is permanently restricted to his current (as of the date of this Order) employment setting, or a setting substantially similar, in that it is a group or team practice not involving psychotherapy to female clients.

(2) **Continuing Education.** For the next three years, Licensee shall complete 12 continuing education units each year on the subjects of psychology practice ethics or professional boundaries. Licensee may apply these units to his continuing education requirement for licensure renewal.

c. **Costs.** Licensee shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of compliance with this Stipulation and Order.

5. The Board or its authorized representatives shall have the right to discuss Licensee's condition with and obtain records from any person with whom Licensee has contact as a result of his compliance with this Stipulation and Order or as a result of his being examined or his obtaining treatment, counseling, or other assistance on his own initiative or otherwise. Licensee shall execute and provide any health record or other waivers necessary for submission of the reports referenced in the stipulation to enable the Board to obtain the information it desires and to authorize the testimony of those contacted by the Board in any proceeding related to this matter.

6. If Licensee shall fail, neglect, or refuse to fully comply with each of the terms, provisions, and conditions herein, the license of Licensee to practice psychology in the State of Minnesota shall be suspended immediately upon written notice by the Board to Licensee, such a suspension to remain in full force and effect until Licensee petitions the Board to terminate the suspension after a hearing. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Board from

revoking or suspending Licensee's license to practice psychology in the State of Minnesota after any such hearing.

7. If Licensee's license has been suspended pursuant to paragraph 6 above, Licensee may petition to have the suspension lifted at any regularly-scheduled board meeting following Licensee's submission of a petition, provided that the petition is received by the Board at least 20 working days before the Board meeting. The Board shall grant the petition upon a clear showing by Licensee that he has corrected all violations of this Stipulation and Order which were the basis for the suspension. Based on the evidence presented, the Board may impose additional conditions or limitations upon reinstating Licensee's license.

8. This stipulation shall not in any way or manner limit or affect the authority of the Board to proceed against Licensee by initiating a contested case hearing or by other appropriate means on the basis of any act, conduct, or omission of Licensee justifying disciplinary action which occurred before or after the date of this stipulation and which is not directly related to the specific facts and circumstances set forth herein.

9. In the event the Board at its discretion does not approve this settlement or a lesser remedy than indicated in this settlement, then, and in that event, this stipulation is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced by either party to this stipulation, except that Licensee agrees that should the Board reject this stipulation and this case proceeds to hearing, Licensee will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this stipulation or of any records relating to this matter.

10. Any appropriate court may, upon application of the Board, enter its decree enforcing the order of the Board.

11. Licensee has been advised by Board representatives that he may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Licensee has been represented by Roger V. Stageberg.

12. 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.

13. Licensee hereby acknowledges that he 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 that he is fully aware that the stipulation shall be approved by the Board. The Board may either approve the Stipulation and Order as proposed, approve the Stipulation and 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.

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

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

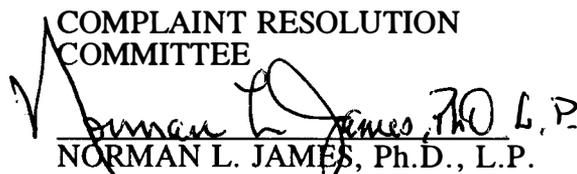
16. This stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies this stipulation.

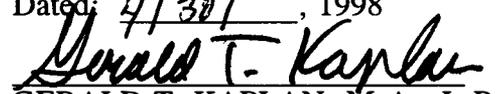
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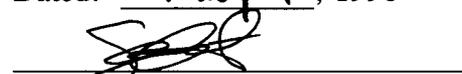
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ORDER

Upon consideration of this stipulation and all the files, records, and proceedings herein,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Licensee is REPRIMANDED and that his licensed is
placed in a RESTRICTED AND CONDITIONAL status and that all other terms of this
stipulation are adopted and implemented by the Board this 1st day of May, 1998.

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