

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

In the Matter of  
Dorrance W. Larson, Ed.D., L.P.  
License No. LP4137

**STIPULATION AND  
CONSENT ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by Dorrance W. Larson, Ed.D., 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. Licensee was licensed by the Board on February 5, 1999.

b. On April 30, 2008, the South Dakota Board of Examiners of Psychologists adopted a Stipulation for Settlement (stipulation and order), entered into by the South Dakota Department of Human Services and Licensee, imposing disciplinary action against the license of Licensee. (A true and correct copy of the South Dakota stipulation and order is attached hereto as Exhibit A.)

**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. § 148.941, subd. 2a(6) (discipline in another jurisdiction). Licensee further agrees that the conduct and violation cited above constitute a

reasonable basis in law and fact to justify the disciplinary action provided for in the South Dakota stipulation and order.

#### **REMEDY**

4. Upon this stipulation and without any further notice or proceedings, Licensee agrees to the following in order to retain a license to practice psychology in Minnesota, subject to approval by the Board. Licensee's license is placed in a **CONDITIONAL** status. Licensee's retention of his license is conditional upon his successful compliance with and completion of the terms and conditions of the South Dakota stipulation and order.

5. Licensee is responsible for all costs incurred as a result of compliance with this Stipulation and Consent Order.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

6. Licensee may petition the Board to remove the conditions on his Minnesota license after the conditions imposed by the South Dakota Board are removed. The burden of proof shall be on Licensee to provide documentation to the Board that any restrictions or conditions imposed by the State of South Dakota have been removed, to demonstrate that he has fully complied with the terms of this Stipulation and Consent Order, and to demonstrate that he is capable of conducting himself in a fit and competent manner as a psychologist. The Board may, at any regularly scheduled meeting after Licensee petitions, remove, amend, or continue the conditions.

7. In the event Licensee resides or practices outside the State of Minnesota, Licensee shall promptly notify the Board in writing of the location of his residence and all work sites. Practice outside of Minnesota will not be credited toward any period of Licensee's suspended, limited, conditioned or restricted license in Minnesota unless Licensee demonstrates to the

satisfaction of the Board that the practice in another jurisdiction conforms completely with Licensee's Minnesota licensure requirements to practice psychology.

8. If Licensee shall fail, neglect, or refuse to fully comply with each of the terms, provisions, and conditions herein, the Complaint Resolution Committee (Committee) shall schedule a hearing before the Board. The Committee shall mail Licensee a notice of the violation alleged by the Committee and of the time and place of the hearing. Licensee shall submit a response to the allegations at least three days prior to the hearing. If Licensee does not submit a timely response to the Board, the allegations may be deemed admitted.

At the hearing before the Board, the Committee and Licensee may submit affidavits made on personal knowledge and argument based on the record in support of their positions. The evidentiary record before the Board shall be limited to such affidavits and this Stipulation and Consent Order. Licensee waives a hearing before an administrative law judge and waives discovery, cross-examination of adverse witnesses, and other procedures governing administrative hearings or civil trials.

At the hearing, the Board will determine whether to impose additional disciplinary action, including additional conditions or limitations on Licensee's practice, or suspension or revocation of Licensee's license.

9. This stipulation shall not in any way limit or affect the authority of the Board to temporarily suspend Licensee's license under Minn. Stat. § 148.941, subd. 3, or to initiate contested case proceedings against Licensee on the basis of any act, conduct, or omission of Licensee justifying disciplinary action occurring before or after the date of this Stipulation and Consent Order which is not related to the facts, circumstances or requirements referenced herein.

10. 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.

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

12. Licensee has been advised by Board representatives that he may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Although aware of his right to representation by counsel, Licensee has knowingly and expressly waived that right. The Committee is represented by Nathan W. Hart, Assistant Attorney General.

13. 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.

14. This stipulation shall not in any way limit or affect the authority of the Board to temporarily suspend Licensee's license under Minn. Stat. § 148.941, subd. 3, or to initiate contested case proceedings against Licensee on the basis of any act, conduct, or omission of Licensee justifying disciplinary action occurring before or after the date of this Stipulation and Consent Order which is not related to the facts, circumstances or requirements referenced herein.

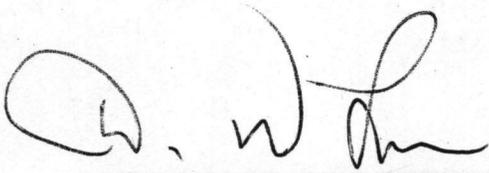
15. This Stipulation and Consent Order constitutes a disciplinary action against Licensee.

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

17. 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



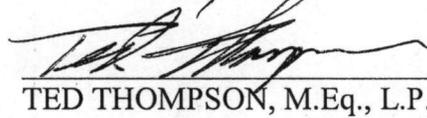
DORRANCE W. LARSON, Ed.D., L.P.  
Licensee

Dated: 11-28, 2008



JEAN WOLF, Ph.D., L.E.

Dated: 12/19, 2008



TED THOMPSON, M.Eq., L.P.

Dated: 12-19, 2008

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of this stipulation and all the files, records, and proceedings herein,  
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license of Licensee is placed in a **CONDITIONAL** status  
and that all other terms of this stipulation are adopted and implemented by the Board this 19th  
day of December, 2008.

MINNESOTA BOARD  
OF PSYCHOLOGY



PAULINE WALKER-SINGLETON  
Executive Director

THE SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

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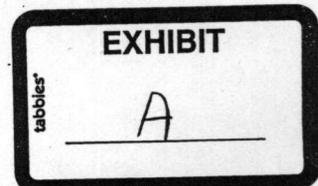
IN THE MATTER OF	)	Complaint No. 187
PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY	)	
LICENSING STATUS OF	)	STIPULATION FOR SETTLEMENT
DORRANCE LARSON,	)	

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The Licensee, Dorrance Larson, and Assistant Attorney General Andrew Knecht, hereby enter into this Stipulation for Settlement in the above-entitled matter currently pending before the Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board). This matter was commenced by way of a Complaint dated March 21, 2007, filed with the Board by Thomas Linngren, on behalf of Shirley Guthmiller. The Complaint alleged violations of the ethical standards of the American Association of State Psychological Boards, Chapter III subparts A(2) Maintaining competency, and E(4) Multiple clients, based upon the following facts:

Licensee entered into an agreement with Allen and Shirley Guthmiller to complete a custody evaluation concerning their son, Matthew, for use in a child custody hearing. Both parties had agreed to have Licensee conduct the evaluation. Licensee conducted the evaluation and completed a report in preparation for a hearing that was to take place in July of 2006. However, the Guthmillers reached an agreement and a hearing never took place.

A new trial was scheduled for February of 2007. In preparation for the new trial, Allen Guthmiller, through his attorney, requested.



Licensee conduct a supplemental evaluation. Licensee met with Allen Guthmiller and the child. Neither Shirley Guthmiller nor her attorney was informed prior to the evaluation that a supplemental evaluation was being carried out, nor did Licensee meet with Shirley Guthmiller.

The parties again reached an agreement and settled on the day of the trial. Although Licensee was present, he did not testify. Licensee does report that he did sit with Allen Guthmiller, believing at that time that he was Allen's expert witness.

The Complaint, and any supplemental responses or other materials currently on file with the Board are hereby incorporated by reference.

This Stipulation for Settlement is entered into between Licensee and the Attorney General's Office (as the party responsible for presenting evidence to the Board), and is intended to settle and resolve all allegations contained within the Complaint and any concerns of the Board. The parties agree that it would be in the best interest of all parties concerned to settle the pending matter without holding a formal contested case hearing pursuant to SDCL 1-26.

The Attorney General's Office agrees to refrain from further action against Licensee's license in the matter in consideration for, and under the following conditions:

1. Licensee refrains from conducting any future child custody evaluations without having first completed Board approved training in the specific areas of

conducting custody evaluations and managing the multiple relationships involved in custody evaluations.

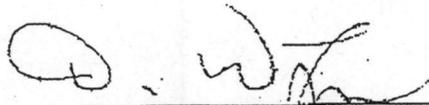
2. Any such training must be demonstrated to the Board by Licensee by providing documentation of any training sessions attended.
3. Prior to conducting any such evaluations, the Licensee submit to the Board for approval written procedures for conducting custody evaluations and managing the multiple relationships involved in a custody evaluation.

Because this matter is settled, the parties agree that the Board will not pursue further disciplinary action regarding the allegations contained in the Complaint, including an administrative contested case hearing. It is further understood by all parties that provided Licensee satisfactorily complies with all conditions herein, there will be no findings of fact issued regarding the allegations contained in the Complaint. However, Licensee understands and specifically agrees that in the event he fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Stipulation, such failure in and of itself constitutes new grounds for disciplinary action against Licensee's license by the Board. Licensee understands that this Stipulation, and the matters set forth in the Complaint, may be considered by the Board in any future disciplinary action that may be taken regarding Licensee's license.

Licensee acknowledges that he is aware of the nature and substance of the allegations that have been made against him. Licensee further acknowledges that he understands he has the right to counsel, notice, and a due process hearing before the Board concerning said allegations, as well as other rights as set forth in SDCL chs. 1-26 and 36-32, including the right to appeal the Board's final decision to the circuit court. Licensee hereby knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waives these rights and agrees to settle this matter in lieu of a formal hearing.

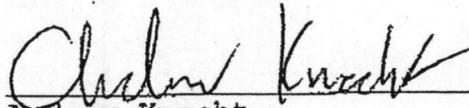
Licensee hereby acknowledges he understands this Stipulation and agrees to abide by its terms and conditions.

Dated this 14 day of April, 2008.



Dr. Dorrance Larson  
10651 469<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Rosholt, SD 57260

Dated this 16 day of April, 2008.



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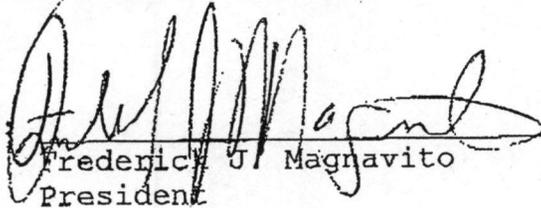
NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Examiners of Psychologists having been provided with the above Stipulation for Settlement entered into by Licensee, Dorrance Larson, and the South Dakota Office of the Attorney General, and the Board finding good cause for accepting the above Stipulation for Settlement; it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Board accepts the Stipulation for Settlement and hereby dismisses the pending Complaint proceedings, without entry of findings in this matter.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF  
PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

By:

  
Frederick J. Magnavito  
President

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