

**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. The Board licensed Licensee to practice psychology on February 5, 1999.

b. In approximately May 2011, Licensee began working as a licensed psychologist at a clinic in Breckenridge, Minnesota. As part of his duties at the clinic, Licensee supervised student interns. During approximately the same time, Licensee worked as an instructor at a nearby college, where he taught classes to students.

c. Beginning in the fall of 2012, Licensee taught a female student, whom Licensee would later supervise as an intern at the clinic (Supervisee #1).

d. In January 2014, Supervisee #1 began her internship at the clinic. In early March 2014, Licensee indicated to Supervisee #1 that he was attracted to her. After a counseling session with a patient, Licensee closed the door and told Supervisee #1 that they had to be very

careful, that they could not act on what was between them, and that the rules were very clear regarding it.

e. On April 1, 2014, Licensee picked Supervisee #1 up from the parking lot at the clinic and took her to his home. At his home, Licensee came up behind Supervisee #1, turned her around, and began kissing her. Licensee then led Supervisee #1 to a guest bedroom where he gave her a bag containing pornographic materials and a sex toy. Some of the pornographic magazines in the bag contained post-it notes on which Licensee had written, "I think you will like this" and "you might like this" and which were affixed to specific pages depicting explicit photographs of, and stories about, group sex. Licensee engaged in sexual behavior with Supervisee #1.

f. Throughout April and into May 2014, Licensee engaged in sexual behavior with Supervisee #1.

g. Licensee asked Supervisee #1 to keep the relationship secret.

h. On May 6, 2014, Supervisee #1 ended her internship at the clinic and disclosed the sexual relationship with Licensee to staff at the college.

i. While working as a licensed psychologist at the clinic, Licensee counseled boys aged 12 to 18. In the summer of 2013, Licensee offered to drive some of the boys he counseled back to a group home located approximately five (5) miles from the clinic. The group home agreed to Licensee driving the boys' home after their counseling sessions but did not provide written permission or acknowledgement of the arrangement. While driving these boys in his car, the following occurred:

1) Licensee pulled up to a female student at the college while one of the boys was in his car, rolled down the window, and said, "Want some candy little girl?" Licensee then introduced the student to the boy using the boy's first name. The boy told

Licensee that the encounter had made him uncomfortable and Licensee responded that it was okay because he was only joking with the student.

2) Licensee took one of the boys to the college and met with a fellow instructor while the boy waited nearby.

3) Licensee's patient records indicate that these sessions were conducted in his office when they were actually conducted in his car.

j. On May 8, 2014, the college terminated Licensee's employment. In a letter to Licensee notifying him of his termination, the college wrote that Licensee's termination "stems from [Licensee's] inappropriate conduct involving a student and demonstration of a lack of professional judgment with this student."

k. On May 11, 2014, Licensee resigned in lieu of termination from the clinic.

1. Licensee declined to participate in an interview with an investigator from the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General.

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 conduct); Minn. Stat. § 148.941, subd. 2(a)(1) (violated statute or rule Board is empowered to enforce); Minn. Stat. § 148.941, subd. 2(a)(3) and Minn. R. 7200.5700 (unprofessional conduct); Minn. Stat. § 148.941, subds. 2(a)(9) and 4 (failed to cooperate), Minn. R. 7200.4910, subp. 2B (failed to protect the welfare of a supervisee); and Minn. R. 7200.4910, subp. 2C (engaged in sexual behavior with a supervisee) 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 all of the files, records, and proceedings herein, and without any further notice or hearing herein, Respondent does hereby consent that the Board may make and enter an Order disciplining Respondent's license to practice psychology in the State of Minnesota as follows:

- a. Respondent's license is **REVOKED**.
- b. Effective immediately, Licensee shall not practice, attempt to practice, offer to practice, or advertise or hold himself out as authorized to practice psychology in a setting in Minnesota for which license is required. Licensee shall not use the title psychologist or any designation which indicates he is licensed to practice psychology.

5. Within ten (10) days of service of this Stipulation and Order, Respondent shall return to the Board all state licenses and/or certificates issued by the Board to Respondent that are in Respondent's possession. These documents shall be sent to Angelina Barnes, Minnesota Board of Psychology, University Park Plaza, Suite 320, 2829 University Avenue S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414.

6. In the event the Board, in its discretion, does not approve this settlement, this stipulation is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto except that Respondent agrees that should the Board reject this Stipulation and if this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this Stipulation or of any records relating hereto.

7. Respondent waives any further hearings on this matter before the Board to which Respondent may be entitled by 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.

8. Respondent hereby acknowledges that he has read and understands this Stipulation and has voluntarily entered into the Stipulation without threat or promise by the Board or any of its members, employees, or agents. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Stipulation.



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

Dated: 3/23/15

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
COMPLAINT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE



For the Committee

Dated: 5/9/15

ORDER

Upon consideration of this stipulation and all the files, records, and proceedings herein,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license of Licensee is **REVOKED** and that all other terms of this stipulation are adopted and implemented by the Board this 22nd day of May, 2015.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY



ANGELINA M. BARNES
Executive Director