

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

In the Matter of
Judith Prema Marayelle, M.S.Ed., L.P.
License No. LP2727

**STIPULATION AND
CONSENT ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by Judith Prema Marayelle, M.S.Ed., 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 she 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. License counseled Client #1 from January, 1996 through September, 1997, in both individual therapy and couples therapy with Client #2. Client #1 had recently lost her job of 12 years and was involved in an affair with her married boss, Client #2. Licensee told the investigator that Client #1 struggled with three issues: her dependence on Client #2, a recent arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI) and her alcoholism recovery, and compulsive spending.

b. Licensee failed to keep adequate records of her therapy with Clients #1 and #2. The following are examples:

1) Licensee did not conduct any psychological tests or mental health status evaluation for Client #1.

2) Licensee stated that she had taken a psychotherapy and chemical dependency treatment history from Client #1, but did not record this information other than to note that Client #1 had undergone treatment for alcoholism in her 20s.

3) Licensee failed to mention Client #1's DWI arrest in her therapy notes although the arrest occurred while Client #1 was in therapy with Licensee.

4) Licensee failed to note whether Client #2 was present during any couple or individual session.

5) Client #2's name does not appear in the records.

6) Licensee provided three pages of handwritten progress notes to the investigator which covered 22 therapy sessions between January 16, 1996 and September 9, 1997. Licensee stated that she wrote this set of notes at one time, after the therapy, when she was asked to provide the records to Client #1 for a law suit.

c. Licensee engaged in verbal and physical behavior considered by professional standards to be inappropriate and sexually seductive to the client. Examples include:

1) In August 1996, Licensee and Client #1 had lunch at Client #2's home and then went to a strip club, where Client #2 bought a lap dance for Licensee and Client #1.

2) While Clients # 1 and 2 were in therapy with her, Licensee attended a swingers party which Clients #1 and #2 also attended. All the women at the party were topless, including Licensee and Client #1.

d. Licensee engaged in a dual relationship with Client #1 for Licensee's financial benefit. Licensee invited Client #1 to join a pyramid sales organization with her and Licensee received part of Client #1's investment in the sales program. In addition, Licensee and Client #1 attended a convention for the organization together in Chicago in August or September 1996.

PROCEDURAL POSTURE

3. On August 27, 1999, Licensee offered to voluntarily surrender her license to practice psychology.

REGULATIONS

4. The Board views Licensee's practices as described in paragraph 2 above to be in violation of Minn. Stat. §§ 148.98 (code of conduct), 148.941, subd. 2(a)(1) (violation of statute or rule Board is empowered to enforce); and Minn. R. 7200.4900, subp. 1a., A., B., and C. (failure to maintain adequate records); Minn. R. 7200.5700 (unprofessional conduct); Minn. R. 7200.4900, subp. 8 (verbal and physical behavior considered sexually seductive to the client); and Minn. R. 7200.4810, subps. 1, 2A., B. (dual relationship) and constitutes a reasonable basis in law and fact to impose disciplinary action.

REMEDY

5. In the interest of settling this matter and avoiding the necessity of further proceedings, Licensee and the Committee hereby agree that upon this stipulation and all of the files, records, and proceedings herein, and without further notice or hearing herein, Licensee voluntarily surrenders her license to practice psychology in Minnesota. Licensee consents that the Board may make and enter an order as follows:

a. Licensee shall not practice psychology in Minnesota.

b. Licensee shall immediately cease to advertise or otherwise hold herself out in any manner as being a licensee in this state.

c. Upon Licensee's agreement with this disposition, the Board agrees to close its file in this matter.

d. Licensee shall pay a civil penalty to the Board in the amount of ^{one}~~two~~ thousand (\$1,000) dollars for engaging in the violations described in paragraph 2 above. Payment of the \$1,000 shall be remitted in full to the Minnesota Board of Psychology at Suite 320, 2829 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414 within sixty (60) days of this order.

6. 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

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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.

7. Licensee has been advised by the Board that she may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Although aware of her right to representation by counsel, Licensee has knowingly and expressly waived that right.

8. 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.

9. 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 that she 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.

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

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

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

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
COMPLAINT RESOLUTION
COMMITTEE

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ORDER

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board approves, adopts, and implements the terms of the stipulation and accepts the SURRENDER of licensee's license to practice psychology in the State of Minnesota effective this 17th day of Sept, 1999.

MINNESOTA BOARD

OF PSYCHOLOGY


PAULINE WALKER-SINGLETON
Executive Director