

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
DEBORAH S. LEVINSON, LCSW-C	*	MARYLAND BOARD
RESPONDENT	*	OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
LICENSE NUMBER: 10627	*	CASE NUMBER: 898
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CONSENT ORDER

The Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners ("the Board") charged **Deborah S. Levinson, LCSW-C** ("the Respondent"), **License Number 10627**, with violating certain provisions of the Maryland Social Workers Act ("the Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. ("H.O.") §§ 19-101 et seq. (2000 Repl. Vol. and 2004 Supp.) Specifically, the Board charged the Respondent with violating the following:

H.O. § 19-311:

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 19-312 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license to any applicant, fine a licensee, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

- (10) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state, country, or branch of the armed services, or the Veterans' Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

1. At times relevant to these charges, the Respondent is and was licensed to practice social work in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed to practice social work on or about April 22, 1997¹.

2. On or about September 15, 2004, the Board received the Respondent's application for renewal and a letter entitled Explanation of Sanction by Professional Counseling Board that explained the disciplinary action taken by the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists ("Board of Professional Counselors") (A copy of her renewal application and letter entitled Explanation of Sanction by Professional Counseling Board, are attached hereto and incorporated herein as **EXHIBIT A**).

3. On or about February 20, 2003, for the reasons stated therein, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Board of Professional Counselors (a copy of the Consent Order dated February 20, 2003, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit B**).

4. The Board of Professional Counselors found that the Respondent violated the code of ethics adopted by the Board of Professional Counselors and submitted a false statement to collect a fee, in violation of Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 13-313 (4) and (7) and Code Md. Regs. tit. 10, § 58.03 .02A ².

¹ The Respondent was originally issued a certificate to practice as a certified professional counselor on or about October 19, 1988. The Respondent became a licensed clinical professional counselor on January 15, 1999. The Respondent's license expired on December 31, 2004.

² Code Md. Regs. tit. 10, § 58.03.02 Code of Ethics- Ethical Responsibilities states that:
A. A certified professional counselor or ("C.P.C.") may not:

(2) Misrepresent any professional qualifications, education, experience, or affiliation.

5. This Board determines that the determination made by the Board of Professional Counselors concerning the Respondent's conduct, constitutes submitting a false statement to collect a fee, and constitute grounds for disciplinary action by this Board pursuant to H.O. § 19-311 (14).

6. This Board determines that the determination made by the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors concerning Respondent's conduct, constitutes a violation of a provision of the title or the regulations governing the practice of social work adopted and published by the Board and constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the Board pursuant to H.O. § 19-311 (7).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board finds that the Respondent is in violation of Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §19-311 (10).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 10th day of JUNE 2005, the Respondent is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and be it further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall practice in accordance with state or federal laws governing the practice of social work; and be it further

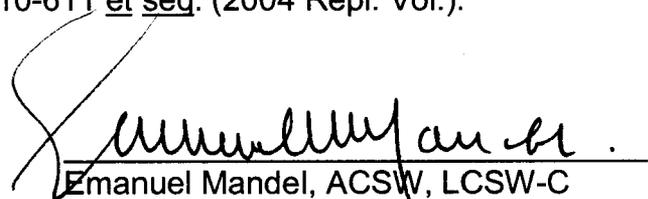
ORDERED that for purposes of public disclosure and as permitted by Md. State Govt. Code Ann. § 10-617(h) (2004 Repl. Vol.), this document consists of the contents of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, and that the Board

may also disclose to any national reporting bank or other to whom the Board is mandated to report; and be it further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is effective as of the date that this Consent Order is signed by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED that this is a **FINAL ORDER** and, as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §§ 10-611 et seq. (2004 Repl. Vol.).

JUNE 10, 2005
Date


Emanuel Mandel, ACSW, LCSW-C
Chairperson
State Board of Social Work Examiners

CONSENT OF DEBORAH S. LEVINSON, LCSW-C

I, **Deborah S. Levinson, LCSW-C, License Number 10627**, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

1. I have consulted with my attorney, Howard L. Sollins, before signing this document.

2. I am aware that I am entitled to a formal evidentiary hearing before the Board, pursuant to Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 19-312 (2000 Repl. Vol. and 2004 Supp.) and Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §§10-201 et seq. (2004 Repl. Vol.).

3. I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered after a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law.

4. I voluntarily enter into and consent to the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, provided that the Board adopts the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and I waive my right to a fully evidentiary hearing, as set forth above, and any right to appeal this Consent Order or as set forth in § 19-313 of the Act and Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §§10-201 et seq. (2004 Rep. Vol.).

5. I acknowledge that by failing to abide by the conditions set forth in this Consent Order, and, following proper procedures, I may suffer disciplinary action, which may include revocation of my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland.

6. I sign this Consent Order without reservation as my voluntary act and deed. I acknowledge that I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Order.

Date

Deborah S. Levinson LCSW-C
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NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT on this 21 day of May, 2005, before me, a Notary Public for the State of Maryland and the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared **Deborah S. Levinson, LCSW-C, License Number 10627**, and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

John P. O'Neill
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3/1/06