

**Thomas Wetmore**

Date: 4/5/11

Daniel Buccino, LCSW-C, BCD, Chair  
Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners  
4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Re: Surrender of License to Practice Social Work  
License Number: 12570  
Case Number: 09-1520

Dear Mr. Buccino and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland, License Number 12570 (D.O.B. 12/1/1953).

I understand that I may not give social work advice or treatment to any individual, with or without supervision and/or compensation, cannot counsel, diagnose or provide therapy to people or otherwise engage in the practice of clinical social work, as it is defined in the Social Work Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. ("H.O.") § 19-101 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol. & 2010 Supp.).

In addition, I will refrain from identifying myself as a practitioner of social work; I will remove all signs or similar advertisements that indicate authority to practice social work; and I will not use letterhead or business cards indicating authority to practice social work.

As of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in the State of Maryland. I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC** document and on the Board's acceptance becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

My decision to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my licensure by the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") and the Office of the Attorney General and resulting charges under the following provisions of the Act, 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:

- (8) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside[;].

The investigation was based upon information received by the Board that I had pending criminal charges. The Board subsequently opened an investigation into this matter. The Board's investigation revealed that on August 6, 2010, in the District Court of Maryland for Anne Arundel County, I was convicted of Sex Offense Fourth Degree, Assault Second Degree, and Indecent Exposure. The convictions were the result of an incident that took place on November 5, 2009, whereby I was accused of sexually assaulting a female client. On the charge of Sex Offense Fourth Degree, I was sentenced to one year of incarceration, with six months suspended, and two years of supervised probation. On the charge of Assault Second Degree, I was sentenced to 10 years of incarceration, suspended, and two years of supervised probation. On the charge of Indecent Exposure, I was sentenced to three years of incarceration, suspended. In addition, I was ordered to pay criminal fines in the amount of \$3057. I am currently in the process of filing for post-conviction relief in this case.

As a result of the Board's investigation, on November 18, 2010, the Board issued a "Notice of Intent to Revoke Social Worker License," in Board Case Number 09-1520.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland to resolve this matter and to avoid prosecution of the charges against me by the Board. I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I acknowledge that the Office of the Attorney General has legally sufficient evidence to prove by a preponderance of the evidence at an administrative hearing that I violated the act as detailed herein.

I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender I am waiving any right to contest any charges that would issue from the Board's investigative findings and its vote to issue charges in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I acknowledge that on or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Board my Maryland social work license, including any renewal certificates and wallet-sized renewal cards.

I understand that the Board will advise the Association of State Boards of Social Work, the National Practitioner's Data Bank, and the Health Care Integrity Data Bank, and any other required entities of this Letter of Surrender, and in response to any inquiry, will advise that I have surrendered my license in lieu of disciplinary action under the Act as a resolution of the matters pending against me. I also understand that, in the event that I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender, and all underlying documents, may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a Final Order that would result from disciplinary action pursuant to Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-611 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2010 Supp.). Finally, I understand that this Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender my license will remain surrendered for a **minimum of five (5) years** and until such time as I apply for new licensure and comply with the following terms and conditions set forth in this Letter of Surrender and those determined by the Board at the time of my application:

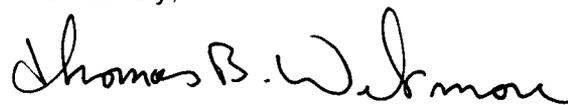
1. The Board will not consider reinstatement of my license unless and until I have been evaluated by a Board-approved physician and a Board-approved mental health professional to address my physical and mental wellbeing and fitness to practice social work, and these health professionals recommend that my license be reinstated;
2. The Board will not consider reinstatement of my license unless and until I complete a Board-pre-approved tutorial in ethics, specific to the boundary issues and facts of the case that formed the basis of my criminal conviction. This course or tutorial will be in addition to the mandatory continuing education units that are required for renewal of licensure;
3. The Board will not consider reinstatement of my license unless and until I provide evidence of having completed continuing education credits during the 5 years that I am unlicensed, which would be required for renewal pursuant to the Board regulations;
4. The Board will not consider reinstatement of my license unless and until I provide the Board with current professional and personal references that vouch for me and espouse that I possess good moral character at the time of the application for reinstatement;

5. The Board will not consider reinstatement of my license unless and until I provide the Board with a letter in which I indicate that I understand and appreciate the gravity of my actions, and express remorse for my past behavior; and
6. The Board will not consider reinstatement of my license prior to the expiration of five (5) years from the date of this Letter of Surrender unless the criminal case that formed the basis for the Board's action against me is vacated, remanded, and retried, and I am exonerated of all of the criminal charges.
7. If and when my license is reinstated by the Board, I understand and agree that such reinstatement will be by Order of the Board and will contain conditions that will be set by the Board at the time of reinstatement. The conditions may include, but are not limited to: probation, supervision, and ongoing therapy as recommended by Board-approved medical professionals.

I understand that I will bear the costs associated with my compliance with the above terms and conditions. I also understand that if I apply for reinstatement or a new Maryland license, I bear the burden of demonstrating to the Board that I am professionally and mentally competent to practice social work under the Act and that I possess good moral character, as required under H.O. § 19-302(a)(3). I understand that when applying for reinstatement or new licensure, I approach the Board in the same posture as one whose license has been revoked based on the facts contained herein and that my application may be accepted or denied by the Board in its sole discretion.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have consulted with an attorney before signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Sincerely,



Thomas B. Wetmore

Read and approved:

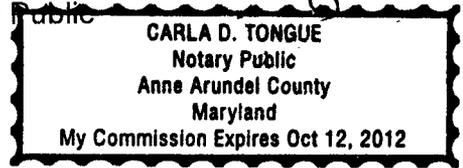
  
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Kathy Mancusi, Esq.  
Attorney for Thomas B. Wetmore

**NOTARY SEAL**

STATE OF MARYLAND  
CITY/COUNTY:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 5 day of April, 2011, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid personally appeared Thomas B. Wetmore and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

  
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Notary Public



**ACCEPTANCE**

On behalf of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners, on this 8th day of April, 2011, I accept Thomas B. Wetmore's **PUBLIC SURRENDER** of his license to practice social work in the State of Maryland.

  
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~~Daniel Buccino, LCSW-C, BCD, Chair~~  
Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners  
JUDITH LEVY, LCSW-C, Vice-Chair