

IN THE MATTER OF
LESLIE MANDELL, PH. D.
LICENSE NO. 01748

BEFORE THE MARYLAND
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

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CONSENT ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

MARYLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Background

On October 14, 1999, the Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the "Board") summarily suspended the license to practice psychology held by Leslie Mandell, Ph.D., License No. 01748 (the "Respondent") based on boundary violations with minor patients. The Respondent subsequently voluntarily surrendered his license to the Board on July 28, 2000. On March 31, 2006, the Respondent submitted a petition for reinstatement of his license to practice psychology. The Respondent's petition was supported by an evaluation performed from Gregory Lehne, Ph.D. Dr. Lehne's evaluation concluded that the Respondent does not suffer from a sexual disorder and was not likely to engage in sexual boundary violations. Dr. Lehne recommended reinstatement of Dr. Mandell's license under certain conditions. The Respondent and the Board subsequently agreed to the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On July 28, 2000, the Respondent signed a Letter of Surrender in which he acknowledged his unprofessional and unethical conduct related to his treatment of a child patient.
2. The Respondent has engaged in the following activities that the Board finds supports his petition for reinstatement:
 - a. Dr. Mandell underwent weekly psychotherapy sessions for over one year. Dr.

Mandell was successfully discharged from therapy.

b. Dr. Mandell submitted to a psychological evaluation by a Board-approved practitioner, Dr. Gregory Lehne. Dr. Lehne has provided the Board with a psychological report concluding that Dr. Mandell has gained great insight into his professional and ethical violations. Dr. Lehne recommends that, should Dr. Mandell be reinstated, he practice under clinical supervision, he not be permitted to practice in a home office setting, and that he complete continuing education in the area of professional ethics.

c. Since the Respondent's surrender of his license, he has served as an adjunct psychology professor at local community colleges.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Mandell has successfully complied with the terms of the Letter of Surrender, dated July 28, 2000, and has otherwise demonstrated that he is capable of practicing psychology in a competent and ethical manner under the probationary conditions set forth below.

ORDER

With the agreement of the Respondent, it is this 9 day of NOV., 2007, by a majority of a quorum of the Board, hereby,

ORDERED that the Respondent's license be REINSTATED in accordance with the Board's licensing regulations; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent shall only practice psychology in a professional office setting with other mental health professionals; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent be placed on immediate **PROBATION** for an indefinite period, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Respondent shall only provide psychotherapy services to individuals over the age of 18 years.

2. The Respondent shall, at his expense, practice under supervision of a licensed psychologist approved by the Board.

a. The supervision shall consist of a minimum of one (1) hour face-to-face contact on a weekly basis.

b. The Board shall provide the supervisor with a copy of the Respondent's complete investigative file.

c. The supervisor shall provide the Board with quarterly progress reports.

d. Below is a list of Board-approved supervisors, or the Respondent may submit the name of another licensed psychologist for review and approval by the Board.

1) Dr. Saul Lindenbaum

2) Dr. Michael Heitt

3) Dr. Jeffrey Barnett

3. The Respondent shall, at his expense, enroll in and successfully complete a board-approved ethics tutorial related to boundary issues, OR enroll in and successfully complete a board-approved graduate level ethics course. The Respondent shall enroll in either the ethics tutorial or the graduate level ethics course within one (1) year of the date of this Order. And be it further,

ORDERED that in the event the Board finds for any good faith reason that Dr. Mandell has violated any of the conditions of probation herein, or in the event that the Board finds for any good

faith reason that Dr. Mandell has committed a violation of Title 18 of the Health Occupations Article or regulations adopted thereunder, the Board may immediately suspend Dr. Mandell's license prior to a hearing; and be it further,

ORDERED that at the end of two (2) years following the date of this Consent Order, the Respondent may petition the Board for modification of the probationary conditions set forth in this Consent Order and/or release from all probationary conditions provided that the Board has received favorable supervisory reports, the Respondent has complied with all conditions of probation, and there are no pending complaints against the Respondent. The Board may grant or deny the petition, or set other conditions of probation at its sole discretion; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a formal order of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and as such is a public document pursuant to State Gov't Art., Section 10-617(h).

11/9/07
Date

Doug Johnson-Greene, Ph.D., ABPP
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Chair, Board of Examiners of Psychologists

CONSENT

1. By signing this Consent, I hereby affirm the findings of fact contained herein and agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.
2. By this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.
3. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.
4. I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

10/1/07
Date

Leslie Mandell, Ph.D.
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STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY/CITY OF CARROLL :

I hereby certify that on this 01 day of OCT, 2007, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared LESLIE MANDELL, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was his voluntary act and deed.

Thomas E. [Signature]
Notary Public
My commission expires: 12/01/10