

IN THE MATTER OF

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BEFORE THE MARYLAND

JOAN ROBERTS FIELD, Ph.D.

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STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

LICENSE NO. 00779

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OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

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CONSENT ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

Background

On March 13, 1998, Joan Roberts Field, Ph.D., a/k/a Joan Stewart, Ph.D., License No. 00779 (the "Respondent"), entered into a Consent Order with the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the "Board") (attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein), in which she agreed to a suspension of her license to practice psychology for a period of two years. On October 2, 2000, the Respondent filed a petition for reinstatement. The Respondent and the Board subsequently agreed to the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was suspended for a period of two years by the Board in 1998, pursuant to the Board's Consent Order, due to her unprofessional, incompetent, and unethical treatment of a patient.

2. The Respondent has met all of the conditions set forth in the Consent Order that permitted her to petition for reinstatement of her license.

a. The Respondent has successfully completed an ethics tutorial approved by the Board;

b. The Respondent has maintained the required continuing education units requisite for licensure renewal;

c. The Respondent submitted a C.V., diagnosis and treatment summary report from her therapist, Dr. William Polk, to the Board. The Respondent continued therapy with Dr. Polk, who submitted quarterly reports to the Board on the Respondent's progress in treatment. .

d. The Respondent has been evaluated by a therapist selected by the Board, Michael Stadter, Ph.D. Dr. Stadter concluded that the Respondent is fit to resume practice under supervision of a mentor. Dr. Stadter recommended that Dr. Field not take on patients who may be expected to evoke countertransferences in her. Dr. Stadter further recommended that Dr. Field continue her therapy with Dr. Polk.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Respondent has met all the prerequisite conditions for reinstatement and may practice psychology under conditions of probation set forth in this Consent Order of Reinstatement.

ORDER

Based on agreement of the parties, it is this 10th day of November 2000, by a majority of a quorum of the Board, hereby

ORDERED that the Respondent's license be reinstated and placed on **PROBATION** for a period of two years, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Respondent shall practice under the supervision one of the licensed psychologists listed below for the duration of the probationary period. The Board shall provide the supervisor with the Respondent's 1998 Consent Order and Dr. Stadter's evaluation. The expenses shall be borne by the Respondent.

1) Dr. Peter Fagen

2) Dr. Melinda Fitting

2. The supervisor shall submit written quarterly reports to the Board on the Respondent's status.

ORDERED that in the event that the Board finds for any good faith reason that the Respondent has violated any of the conditions of probation herein, or in the event that the Board finds for any good faith reason that the Respondent has committed a violation of Title 18 of the Health Occupations Article or regulations adopted thereunder, the Board may charge the Respondent with violating this Consent Order, and following a hearing held in accordance with the Maryland Psychologists Act, Health Occ. Art., Section 18-315 and the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act, State Gov't Art., Sections 10-201 *et seq.*, may reprimand, suspend, revoke, or fine the Respondent, or place additional conditions of probation on his license. And be it further,

ORDERED that two years following the date this Consent Order has been executed by the Board, 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 and the Respondent has complied with all conditions of probation. And be it further,

ORDERED that this is a final order of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and as such is a Public Document pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government Article, Section 10-617(h).

10 November 2000
Date

William D.A. Musick
William D.A. Musick, Ph.D.
Chairman, Board of Examiners of Psychologists

CONSENT

By signing this Consent, I hereby admit to the truth of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order of Reinstatement and its conditions.

I, Joan Roberts Field, Ph.D., have read this Consent Order in its entirety. I have been given the opportunity to consult an attorney of my choosing to review each and every part of this Consent Order. I understand this Consent Order and voluntarily and without reservation agree to sign it with full comprehension of its meaning and effect.

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Date

Joan Roberts Field Ph.D.
Joan Roberts Field, Ph.D.

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STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY/CITY OF Anniston:

I hereby certify that on this 4 day of Jan, 2001, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared Joan Roberts Field, Ph.D., and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.

JAMES B. ROY
Notary Public NOTARY PUBLIC COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
My commission expires ~~My~~ Commission Expires February 28, 2003