

IN THE MATTER OF  
PATRICIA WEBBINK, Ph.D.

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BEFORE THE MARYLAND  
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

Based upon certain information having come to the attention of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the "Board") regarding the psychology practice of Patricia Webbink, Ph.D. (the "Respondent"), the Board determined to charge Respondent with violation of provisions of the Health-Occupations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Respondent was notified of the charges by letter dated March 17, 1986. A prehearing conference was held on April 4, 1986 and was attended by Respondent; Respondent's attorney, Kevin T. Baine, Esquire; Lois Powell, member of the Board; Roslyn Blankman, Executive Director of the Board; and Judith K. Sykes, Assistant Attorney General and Administrative Prosecutor. Following that conference, at which settlement terms were discussed, Respondent agreed to enter into the following Consent Order as proposed by the Board;

FINDINGS OF FACTS

The Board finds:

1. Respondent is a psychologist licensed to practice psychology in Maryland and was so licensed at all times relevant to this Order.

2. For a period of seven weeks during the summer of 1980, Respondent provided psychotherapy to Patient K.F.

3. On August 20, 1980, when Respondent was treating Patient K.F. on an outpatient basis, she asked Patient K.F. to sign a lease on a house owned by Respondent with the understanding that neither party would actually carry out the requirements of the lease. The lease was to commence on September 25, 1986.

4. On the day after signing the lease, Patient K.F. became concerned and sought a release from the lease. Respondent promptly provided a release and returned to the Patient the original copy of the lease with VOID written across it.

5. In asking Patient K.F. to sign the above-mentioned lease, Respondent failed to exercise her responsibility to be alert to personal and financial situations and pressures that might lead to misuse of her influence.

6. Respondent has cooperated fully with the Board and has been forthcoming in providing information to the Board.

7. The Board has received copies of numerous letters from psychologists, attorneys and others, attesting to respondent's abilities, to her dedication to her profession and her clients, and to her integrity and high ethical standards.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes, as a matter of law, that Respondent violated § 16-312(7) and (17) of the Health Occupations Article of the

Annotated Code of Maryland and subsection (f) of Principle 1 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists.

ORDER

Upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1986,

ORDERED that Respondent is hereby REPRIMANDED and directed to comply with the following:

1. Respondent shall continue with personal psychotherapy with her current therapist or a different therapist approved by the Board until she is discharged by the therapist.
2. Respondent shall arrange to have her therapist notify the Board when therapy is terminated.
3. In addition to complying with the current continuing education requirements set by the Board for licensed psychologists, Respondent shall take a course in ethical standards of psychologists within one year from the date of this Order and shall provide written notification to the Board upon her completion of that course.
4. Respondent shall write a paper on professional judgment and/or the borderline patient within one year from the date of this Order.
5. For one year, beginning on the date of this Order, Respondent will practice psychology under the supervision of a Board approved supervisor whose supervision will be provided at her own expense. Respondent shall inform the supervisor of the

terms and conditions of this Order and shall arrange for the supervisor to provide to the Board quarterly reports on the supervision.

8. Respondent will refrain from the supervision of other psychologists for one year from the date of this Order.

9. Respondent shall at all times abide by the code of ethics adopted by the Board pursuant to § 16-311 of the Health-Occupations Article and refrain from violating any of the provisions of § 16-312 of the Health Occupations Article; and it is further

ORDERED that if Respondent violates any of the foregoing provisions of this Order, the Board may charge Respondent with violation of this Order and if, after a hearing at which Respondent has been accorded all of the procedural rights set out in § 16-313, the Board finds that the violation has occurred, it may impose appropriate additional sanctions.



Sherman Ross, Ph.D.  
Chairperson, State Board of  
Examiners of Psychology

CONSENT

By this Consent, I hereby admit that there is an adequate factual basis for the disposition set forth above and accept and submit to the foregoing Order and its conditions. I have read and acknowledge the validity of the Order as if made after a hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to

confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. I also recognize that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Commission that might have followed any such hearing. By this Consent, I understand that I am waiving all such rights. I sign this Consent without reservation and after conferring with counsel and I fully understand its meaning.

Patricia Webbink, Ph.D.  
Patricia Webbink, Ph.D.  
Licensed Psychologist

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STATE OF MARYLAND  
CITY-COUNTY OF Montgomery

I hereby certify that on this 18th day of December 1986, before me, the subscriber, a notary public of the state of Maryland, personally appeared Patricia Webbink and made oath in due form that the foregoing consent is her voluntary act indeed.

AS WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL

A. Baltrukonis  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES : July 1, 1990