

Ms. Feirstine completed the terms of the consent agreement as of 7/16/2007.

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
GRETCHEN FEIRSTINE  
AND THE  
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND  
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between GRETCHEN FEIRSTINE, hereinafter, "FEIRSTINE", and the STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD, hereinafter "BOARD", the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code and all rules promulgated thereunder.

FEIRSTINE hereby acknowledges that she has read and understands this CONSENT AGREEMENT and has voluntarily entered into it without threat or promise by the BOARD or any of its members, employees or agents.

FEIRSTINE is fully aware of her rights, including her right to be advised by counsel and her right to a hearing pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code on the issues which are the subject of this CONSENT AGREEMENT. Should FEIRSTINE fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, FEIRSTINE knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

1. FEIRSTINE was a registered counselor trainee in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of counseling as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757.
2. FEIRSTINE was employed at Center for Children and Families, Cincinnati, Ohio, from September 2003 until January, 2005. During this period of time, FEIRSTINE violated professional boundaries with a client from on or about April 9, 2004 through December 22, 2004.
3. FEIRSTINE ADMITS the allegation referenced in paragraph 2 referenced above.

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any formal disciplinary proceedings, **FEIRSTINE** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **FEIRSTINE** will be granted a professional counselor license on July 22, 2005, and is required to take a graduate level professional counselor ethics course from an accredited college or university prior to December 22, 2006. This course must be pre-approved by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. This course must be taken for credit. All costs associated with this course are borne by **FEIRSTINE**.
2. **FEIRSTINE** must receive supervision, by an individual pre-approved by the Board for a period of two years. The two year supervision period will not begin until **FEIRSTINE'S** supervisor is approved. Supervision should focus on, but not be limited to, **FEIRSTINE'S** ongoing ethical decision-making skills. **FEIRSTINE'S** supervisor is required to submit a report to the Board, quarterly, detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas for improvement. At the end of the two-year supervision period, **FEIRSTINE'S** supervisor will make a final report encompassing the two years of supervision. If **FEIRSTINE'S** supervisor is concerned with **FEIRSTINE'S** practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is **FEIRSTINE'S** responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the supervisor's reports. All costs associated with the evaluation are at the expense of **FEIRSTINE**.

It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** hereby settles all issues concerning this matter.

By her signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **FEIRSTINE** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **FEIRSTINE** agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** and if this case proceeds to hearing, she will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** or of any information relating thereto.

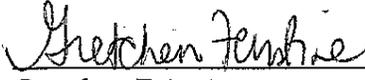
**FEIRSTINE** hereby releases the members of the **BOARD**, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

This **CONSENT AGREEMENT** shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5

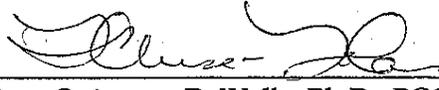
USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61, and Ohio Revised Code 3123.41 et seq, the **BOARD** may be required to provide **FEIRSTINE'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its JULY 22, 2005, meeting.

This **CONSENT AGREEMENT** shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:

  
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Gretchen Feirstine

6/14/05  
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Date

  
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for Rose Quinones-DelValle, Ph.D., PCC  
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and  
Family Therapist Board

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Date

  
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Peter R. Casey IV, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family  
Therapist Board

7-22-05  
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Date