

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

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between BRAD MASON, hereinafter, "MASON", 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.

MASON hereby acknowledges that he 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.

MASON is fully aware of his rights, including his right to be advised by counsel and his 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 MASON fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, MASON knowingly waives his 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. MASON is a professional clinical counselor (E-1973) licensed to practice counseling 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. MASON received his professional clinical counselor license on May 19, 1995.
2. On April 22, 2002, the BOARD received a complaint alleging that MASON had blurred his professional boundaries while employed as a counselor at Lakeshore Treatment Center, Norwalk, Ohio. Through an investigation the BOARD determined that MASON entered into a personal relationship with a client in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C)(1) through (4).
3. MASON ADMITS the allegations referenced in paragraphs 1 and 2 referenced above.

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

1. The **BOARD** will allow **MASON** to permanently surrender his counselor license, with the understanding the surrender is in lieu of potential disciplinary action. **MASON** will not be allowed to reapply for a counselor license in the State of Ohio, nor will he be allowed to apply for social work or marriage and family therapist license in the State of Ohio. This surrender will take effect November 15, 2003.

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

By his signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **MASON** 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. **MASON** agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** and if this case proceeds to hearing, he will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** or of any information relating thereto.

If, following notice and an evidentiary hearing, not an Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 hearing, **MASON** is found by the **BOARD** to have violated any terms of this Consent Agreement, the **BOARD** may impose any penalty up to and including **REVOCAION** of **MASON'S** professional clinical counselor license based solely upon a violation of this Consent Agreement. **MASON** may not appeal this action.

**MASON** 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 **MASON'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its September, 2003, meeting.

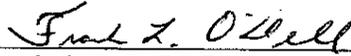
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:



Brad Mason, PCC

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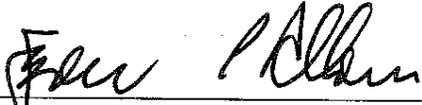
Date



Frank O'Dell, PCC  
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and  
Family Therapist Board

9-19-03

Date



Sean Allen, Esq.  
Counsel for Mr. Mason

09-08-03

Date



Barbara Petrella, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family  
Therapist Board

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Date