

**Ashley E. Zlotorzynski**

**Trainee Status Number: ADT3526**

March 9, 2026

Sharita Sivels-Stevens, LCPC, Board Chair  
Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors & Therapists  
4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Surrender of Alcohol and Drug Trainee Status  
Trainee Status Exp. Date: May 31, 2026  
Case Numbers: 2026-008 & 2026-011

Dear Ms. Sivels-Stevens and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to **voluntarily SURRENDER** my Alcohol and Drug Trainee ("ADT") status to practice alcohol and drug counseling under an approved alcohol and drug supervisor in the State of Maryland, Trainee Status Number ADT3526, effective upon acceptance of this letter by the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the "Board"). I understand that upon the surrender of my ADT status, I may not practice alcohol and drug counseling, with or without compensation, in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 17-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.) and other applicable laws. In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my ADT status means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in the State of Maryland.

~~I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a~~ **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** and, upon the Board's acceptance, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

I acknowledge that the Board initiated an investigation of my practice as an ADT. The Board's investigation found that I engaged in unprofessional conduct which consisted of a sexual relationship with a client.

I have decided to surrender my ADT status in the State of Maryland to avoid further investigation and prosecution for violating the Act. I acknowledge that if the Board were to issue charges, and if the case were to proceed to an evidentiary hearing, the Board would submit evidence to support the investigative findings that I violated the multiple provisions of the Act including:

**Health Occ. § 17-509:**

- (8) Violates the code of ethics adopted by the Board;
- (9) Knowingly violates any provision of this title;
- (13) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board;
- (16) Commits an act of immoral or unprofessional conduct in the practice of clinical or nonclinical counseling or therapy[.]

and the following provisions of the Code of Ethics adopted by the board, codified at Md. Code Regs. ("COMAR"):

**10.58.03.04**

- (A)(11) (a counselor shall be familiar with and adhere to this chapter);
- (A)(14) (a counselor shall take reasonable precautions to protect clients from physical or psychological trauma);
- (B)(3) (a counselor may not enter into relationships with that could compromise a counselor's objectivity or create a conflict of interest);

**10.58.03.05**

- (A)(2)(a) (a counselor may not place or participate in placing clients in positions that may result in damaging the interests and the welfare of clients, employees, employers, or the public);

**10.58.03.09**

- (A)(4) A counselor may not engage in sexual misconduct with a client or supervisee. Sexual misconduct includes but is not limited to: Sexual behavior.

I acknowledge that for all purposes relevant to licensure, certification, and/or trainee approval status, the investigative findings in this Letter of Surrender will be treated as if proven.

I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving any right I may have to contest any charges that would issue from the Board's investigative findings and its vote to issue charges in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

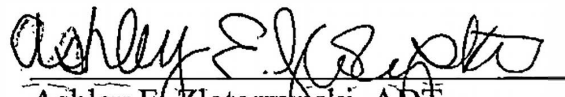
I understand that the Board, in response to any inquiry, will advise that I have surrendered my trainee status in lieu of a final decision and order of the Board as a resolution of the matters pending against me. I also understand that in the event I

would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction that this Letter of Surrender may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-101 *et. seq.* (2019 Repl. Vol. & 2025 Supp.), and that this Letter of Surrender constitutes a disciplinary action by the Board.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my ADT status will remain surrendered for the remainder of my eligibility to practice as an ADT, i.e., through May 31, 2026. I agree that I will not apply for reinstatement of my trainee status nor petition the Board for authorization to make a new application for trainee approval status, as I will have held my ADT status for a total of six years, which is the maximum allowable timeframe to hold an ADT status under COMAR 10.58.07-09. I understand that when applying for a new Maryland license, I will approach the Board in the same posture as an individual whose ADT status has been rescinded based on the investigative findings contained herein and that the Board has sole discretion to accept or deny any application that I may submit.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney before signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning, terms, and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly, voluntarily and without any duress.

Sincerely,

  
Ashley E. Zlotorzynski, ADT

NOTARY

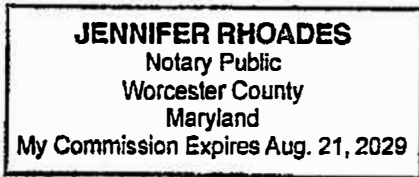
STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF Worcester

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March,

2026, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Ashley E. Zlotorzynski, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

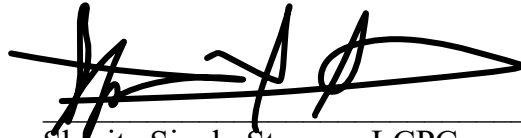


Jennifer Rhoades  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: August 21, 2029

**ACCEPTANCE**

On this 17th day of April 2026, I, Sharita Sivels-Stevens, LCPC, Board Chair, on behalf of the Board, accept the **PUBLIC VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of the Alcohol and Drug Trainee status of **Ashley E. Zlotorzynski, ADT**, to practice alcohol and drug counseling under an approved alcohol and drug supervisor in the State of Maryland.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharita Sivels-Stevens', written over a horizontal line.

Sharita Sivels-Stevens, LCPC  
Board Chair  
Maryland State Board of Professional  
Counselors and Therapists