

IN THE MATTER OF  
CHRISTINE LEONE, LCPC  
LICENSE NUMBER: LC0033

\* BEFORE THE MARYLAND  
\* BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL  
\* COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS  
\* Case No. 2019-072

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**PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER**

On or about March 8, 2019, the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the "Board") received a complaint alleging that the Respondent, Christine Leone, LCPC provided treatment to minor children without the consent of both parents. Pursuant to the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act (the "Act"), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. II ("Health Occ.") §§ 17-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2017 Supp.), the Board investigated the complaint. The investigation found the following: (1) that the Board issued a clinical professional counseling license to the Respondent on January 19, 1999; (2) that the Respondent provided counseling services to the minor children during the period of February 1, 2019 to May 17, 2019; (3) that the Respondent's license expired on January 31, 2019; (4) that the Respondent failed to renew her license before it expired; (5) that the Respondent practiced counseling during February 2019 to May 2019 without a license; and (6) that the Respondent's license was reinstated on June 7, 2019. Based on the results of the investigation, the Board determined that the Respondent's failure to renew her license and practicing professional counseling without a license was in violation of the Act. *Id.* Rather than issue formal charges against the Respondent, the Respondent and the Board agreed to enter into this pre-charge consent order.

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**ORDER**

Based on the foregoing, it is this 18 day of October, 2019, the Applicant and the Board agreed to enter into this Consent Order, which states:

**ORDERED** that from the effective date of the Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of \$600; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the said fine shall be paid within 90 days of the effective date of this Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that if the Respondent fails to comply with the above stated conditions, the Respondent shall be immediately revoked, and given notice and an opportunity for a post-deprivation show cause hearing. If, in its sole discretion, the Board determines that there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the hearing shall subsequently be an evidentiary hearing before the Board; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Pre-Charge Consent Order shall be a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014).

10/18/19  
Date

Risa Ganel  
Risa L. Ganel, MS, LCMFT  
Board Chair  
Maryland State Board of Professional  
Counselors and Therapists

**CONSENT**

By this Consent, I, Christine Leone, agree and accept to be bound by this Pre-Charge Consent Order and its conditions and restrictions. I waive any rights I may have had that would have resulted from the Board's issuance of formal charges and an evidentiary hearing on the allegation that I practiced counseling without a license.

I acknowledge the validity of this Pre-Charge Consent Order is the same as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Pre-Charge Consent Order. I also affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order after having an opportunity to consult with counsel of my choosing, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order. I voluntarily sign this Order, and I understand its effect.

10/8/19  
Date

  
Christine Leone, *the Respondent*

**NOTARY**

STATE OF Maryland  
CITY/COUNTY OF: Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8 day of October 2019,  
before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared  
Christine Leone and gave oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was  
her voluntary act and deed.

**AS WITNESS**, my hand and Notary Seal:

  
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Notary Public

My commission expires: 02/27/2023