

Charles J. Cravath

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Daniel Buccino, LCSW-C, BCD, Chair
Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Surrender of License to Practice Social Work
License Number: 14646
Case Number: 09-1452

Dear Mr. Buccino and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland, License Number 14646 (D.O.B. 01/31/1966).

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I understand that I may not give social work advice or treatment to any individual, with or without supervision and/or compensation, cannot counsel, diagnose or provide therapy to people or otherwise engage in the practice of clinical social work, as it is defined in the Social Work Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. ("H.O.") § 19-101 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol. & 2010 Supp.). In other words, I understand that as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual.

In addition, I will refrain from identifying myself as a practitioner of social work; I will remove all signs or similar advertisements that indicate authority to practice social work; and I will not use letterhead or business cards indicating authority to practice social work.

As of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license 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 on the Board's acceptance becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

My decision to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my licensure by the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") and the Office of the Attorney General and resulting charges under the following provisions of the Act, H.O. 19-311:

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 19-312 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license to any applicant, fine a licensee, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

- (10) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state, country, or branch of the armed services, or the Veterans' Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section[.]

The underlying grounds for disciplinary action under this section are:

- (8) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside[.]

The investigation was based on two complaints to the Board alleging that I was charged with a felony in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Board subsequently opened an investigation into this matter. The Board's investigation revealed that on June 15, 2009, a Virginia Grand Jury for the Circuit Court of Arlington County, Virginia indicted me on the charge of Attempted Indecent Liberties. The Indictment states that I attempted

to expose his sexual or genital parts to a child under the age of fifteen years to whom he was not legally married, or propose that any such child expose her sexual or genital parts to him; or propose that any such child feel or fondle his sexual or genital parts of such child, or propose that he feel or fondle the sexual or genital parts of such child; or propose to such child an act of sexual intercourse or any act constituting an offense under [Virginia Code]§18.2-361; or entice allure, persuade, or invite any such child to enter any vehicle, room, house, or other place for any of the preceding purposes in violation of §§18.2-370 and 18.2-26 of the Code of Virginia (1950).

On August 12, 2009, I pled guilty to Attempted Indecent Liberties. On December 15, 2009, I pled guilty to Internet Solicitation of a Minor Less than Seven Years Younger {than I}. On February 26, 2010, I was sentenced to five years of incarceration, suspended with credit for 272 days of time served under the following conditions: participate in sex offender evaluations and treatment; notify of the offense and conviction; no pornography or unsupervised contact with minors with the permission of the probation officer; no [use of] computers or other technology that allows Internet/web access without the permission of the

probation officer; and comply with sex offender registration in Virginia as well as the jurisdiction in which I plan to reside. I was also placed on five years probation to commence upon my release from incarceration. An identical concurrent sentence was imposed for the second charge of Internet Solicitation of a Minor Less than Seven Years Younger.

As a result of the investigation, on June 11, 2010, the Board issued a "Notice of Intent to Revoke Social Worker License," in Board Case Number 09-1452.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland to resolve this matter and to avoid prosecution of the charges against me by the Board. I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I acknowledge that the Office of the Attorney General has legally sufficient evidence to prove by a preponderance of the evidence at an administrative hearing that I violated the act as detailed herein.

I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender I am waiving any right 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 acknowledge that on or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Board my Maryland social work license, including any renewal certificates and wallet-sized renewal cards.

I understand that the Board will advise the Association of State Boards of Social Work, the National Practitioner's Data Bank, and the Health Care Integrity Data Bank, and any other required entities of this Letter of Surrender, and in response to any inquiry, will advise that I have surrendered my license in lieu of disciplinary action under the Act as a resolution of the matters pending against me. I also understand that, in the event that I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender, and all underlying documents, 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. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-611 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol.). Finally, I understand that this Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender my license will remain surrendered for a **minimum of five (5) years** and until such time as I apply for new licensure and comply with the following terms and conditions set forth in this Letter of Surrender and those determined by the Board subsequent to my application:

1. The Board will not consider reinstatement of my license unless and until I have been evaluated by a Board-approved mental health professional that addresses my fitness to practice social work and recommends that my license be reinstated; and
2. The Board will not consider reinstatement of my license unless and until I complete all continuing education requirements as mandated for renewal; and
3. If and when my license is reinstated by the Board, I agree that my license may be placed on probation for a period to be determined by the Board, during which time my practice will be supervised by a Board-approved mentor, and I will be required to comply with other conditions to be determined by the Board at that time.

I understand that I will bear the costs associated with my compliance with the above terms and conditions. I also understand that if I apply for reinstatement or a new Maryland license, I bear the burden of demonstrating to the Board that I am professionally and mentally competent to practice social work under the Act and that I possess good moral character, as required under H.O. § 19-302(a)(3). I understand that when applying for reinstatement or new licensure, I approach the Board in the same posture as one whose license has been revoked based on the facts contained herein and that my application may be accepted or denied by the Board in its sole discretion.

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 consulted 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 and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

I acknowledge that this Letter of Surrender becomes effective on November 12, 2010.

Sincerely,



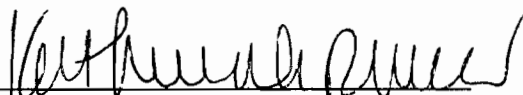
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Read and approved:


Kathleen Dolan, Esq.
Attorney for Charles J. Cravath

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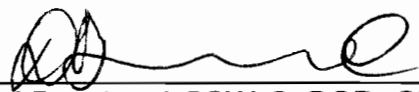
STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 3rd day of November, 2010, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid personally appeared Charles J. Cravath and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

COMMISSION EXPIRES: 12/9/13 
Notary Public

ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners, on this 12th day of NOVEMBER, 2010, I accept Charles J. Cravath's **PUBLIC SURRENDER** of his license to practice social work in the State of Maryland.


Daniel Buccino, LCSW-C, BCD, Chair
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