

Joseph Mancini, Jr., LCSW-C
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November 29, 2007

Yvonne M. Perret, LCSW-C, Chair
Board of Social Work Examiners
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Re: Surrender of Clinical Social Work
License
License Number: 06534
Case Number: 06-1106

Dear Ms. Perret and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to surrender my license to practice clinical social work in the State of Maryland, License Number 06534, (DOB 8/1/46). 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. ("H.O.") Code Ann. § 19-101, *et seq.* (2005 Repl. Vol. and 2007 Supp.). In other words, as of December 21, 2007, 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.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC** document.

My decision to surrender my license to practice clinical social work in Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my licensure by the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board"). That investigation was based upon a complaint by a former client, alleging that I had married his ex-wife, also a former client.

The Board's investigation confirmed the allegations and resulted in charges under the Act. Specifically, the Board charged me with the commission of prohibited acts under H.O. §19-311.

The pertinent provisions of the Act provides as follows:

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 19-312 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place

any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

- (4) Commits any act of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of social work;
- (5) Knowingly violates any provision of this title;
- (6) Engages in a course of conduct that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of social work;
- (7) Violates the code of ethics adopted and published by the Board [;].

The Board further charges the Respondent with a violation of its regulations, Code Md. Regs. tit. 10 § 42.03.03 (August 5, 2002):

.03 General Conduct.

C. The licensee may not enter into a nonprofessional, social, or dual relationship with a client, or an individual with whom the client has a close personal relationship.

.06 Sanctions.

A. The licensee who engages in sexual misconduct with a client or supervisee is subject to sanctions by the Board.

B. A sanction constitutes the minimum disciplinary measure and does not preclude the Board from imposing additional penalties as it deems appropriate to an individual case.

C. The Board shall advise the Association of Social Work Boards of the suspension or revocation of a license on the grounds of sexual misconduct.

The Board further charges the Respondent with a violation of its regulations, Code Md. Regs. tit. 10 § 42.03.04 (October 4, 1999):

04 Sexual Misconduct.

C. Relationships with Former Clients.

(1) Except as set forth in §C (3) of this regulation, the licensee may not engage in sexual behavior with a former client.

(2) The licensee may not terminate professional services or a professional relationship with a client in order to enter into a nonprofessional, social, or sexual relationship with the client or an individual with whom the client has a close personal relationship.

(3) The licensee may enter into a relationship with an individual with whom the licensee's prior professional contact was of a brief, peripheral, consultative, or indirect nature, and did not constitute a therapeutic relationship.

I affirm that I was served with a copy of the charging document and have otherwise been advised on the Board's actions through communications with representatives of the Office of the Attorney General and my legal counsel.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice clinical social work in Maryland to avoid further prosecution of the aforementioned charges. The basis for the charges against me include the findings of the investigation described above, and, by virtue of this Letter of Surrender, I waive any right to contest those charges and findings. I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. **I understand that, by executing this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving any right to contest these findings 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 to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.**

I hereby affirm that, on December 21, 2007, I will have permanently terminated any practice that I had in Maryland.

I acknowledge that on or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I

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shall present to the Board my Maryland clinical social work license, number 06534, including any renewal certificates and wallet-sized renewal cards.

I understand that the Board will advise the Association of Social Work Boards and the National Practitioners Data Bank of this Letter of Surrender, and, in any response to inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in lieu of disciplinary action under the Act as 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, 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.*, (2004 Repl. Vol. and 2007 Supp.).

I further recognize and agree that by agreeing to this Letter of Surrender, my license will remain surrendered forever. In other words, I agree never to apply for reinstatement of my clinical social work license in the State of Maryland.

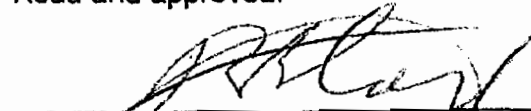
I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have consulted with an attorney before signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender 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.

Sincerely,



Joseph Mancini, Jr.

Read and approved:



Richard Bloch, Esquire
Attorney for Joseph Mancini, Jr.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland:

CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29th day of November, 2007,
before me, Georgia S. Strack, a Notary Public of the State and City/Country
(Print Name)
aforesaid, personally appeared Joseph Mancini, Jr., 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.

Georgia S. Strack
Notary Public



My Commission expires: 10/31/11