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Board of Professional Counselors
and Therapists
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Risa L. Ganel, LCMFT, Chair
Maryland State Board of
Professional Counselors and Therapists
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

**Re: Surrender of Certificate to Practice as a Certified
Supervised Counselor – Alcohol and Drug Certification**
Certificate Number: SC2516
Case Numbers: 2018-088 & 2018-094

Dear Ms. Ganel and Members of the Board,

Please be advised that, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. (“Health Occ.”) § 17-508 (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2017 Supp.), I hereby **SURRENDER** my certificate to practice in the State of Maryland as a Certified Supervised Counselor – Alcohol and Drug Certification, Certificate Number SC2516, effective immediately. I understand that upon surrender of my certificate, I may not provide alcohol and drug counseling, with or without compensation, and cannot otherwise engage in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling in Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act (the “Act”), Health Occ. §§ 17-101 *et seq.* and other applicable laws. In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my certificate means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed and non-certified individual in the State of Maryland.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**, and upon the acceptance by the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the “Board”), becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

I acknowledge that the Board initiated an investigation into my practice, and, on February 15, 2019, the Board issued a *Notice of Intent to Revoke License to Practice as a Certified Supervised Counselor Alcohol and Drug Certification* (the “Notice”) against me under Health Occ. § 17-509(a)(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), and (16) (commits and act of unprofessional conduct in the practice of clinical or nonclinical counseling or therapy), as well as the Board’s code of ethics, Code Md. Regs. 10.58.03.04 (ethical responsibilities), 10.58.03.05 (damaging clients’ interests and welfare; dual relationships; exploiting trust and dependency) and 10.58.03.09

(prohibiting sexual relationships, sexual behavior, sexual exploitation and therapeutic deception). Specifically, the Board alleged that I have been living with a former client and engaged in a prohibited personal and dual relationship with that former client. A copy of the Notice is attached to this Letter of Surrender as Attachment 1.

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender to avoid any further investigation and prosecution of the allegations set forth in the Notice. I agree that if the Board were to proceed with an evidentiary hearing in this matter, the State would be able to prove the foregoing violations of the Act by a preponderance of the evidence. I acknowledge that for all purposes related to my certification, the charges will be treated as if proven.

I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender I am waiving my right to a hearing to contest the disciplinary charges. In waiving my right to contest the charges, I am also waiving the right to be represented by counsel at the hearing, 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 to circuit court.

I understand that the Board will release this Letter of Surrender to any appropriate database regulating alcohol and drug counselors. 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.* (2014), 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 certificate will remain surrendered unless and until the Board grants reinstatement. In the event that I apply for reinstatement of my Maryland certificate, I understand that the Board is not required to grant reinstatement; and, if it does grant reinstatement, may impose any terms and conditions the Board considers appropriate for public safety and the protection of the integrity and reputation of the profession. I further understand that if I file a petition for reinstatement, I will approach the Board in the same position as an individual whose certificate has been revoked.

I hereby affirm that I have terminated any employment as an alcohol and drug counselor in the State of Maryland.

I agree that on or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Board my original Maryland certificate (Certificate No. SC2516), including any wall certificates, renewal certificates, and/or any wallet-sized renewal cards.

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 advised of my right to be represented by an attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before the Board, including the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Letter of Surrender. **I have knowingly and willfully waived my right to be represented by an attorney before signing this letter permanently surrendering my certificate to practice in Maryland.** 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,


Andrea L. Robinson

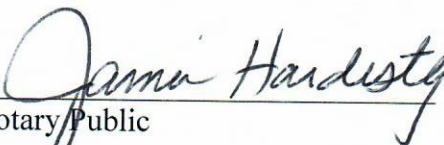
NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Washington

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2nd day of May, 2019 before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Andrea L. Robinson, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that the signing of this Letter of Surrender was a voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.


Notary Public

My commission expires:

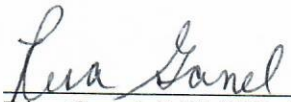
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JAMIE S. HARDESTY
NOTARY PUBLIC
WASHINGTON COUNTY
MARYLAND
My Commission Expires October 9, 2022

Risa L. Ganel, MS, LCMFT
Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists
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ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists,
on this 17th day of May, 2019, I hereby accept the **PUBLIC SURRENDER**
of Andrea L. Robinson's certificate to practice in the State of Maryland as a certified
supervised counselor – alcohol and drug certification.



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