

THE SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

IN THE MATTER OF)	Complaint No. 187
PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY)	
LICENSING STATUS OF)	STIPULATION FOR SETTLEMENT
DORRANCE LARSON,)	

The Licensee, Dorrance Larson, and Assistant Attorney General Andrew Knecht, hereby enter into this Stipulation for Settlement in the above-entitled matter currently pending before the Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board). This matter was commenced by way of a Complaint dated March 21, 2007, filed with the Board by Thomas Linngren, on behalf of [REDACTED]. The Complaint alleged violations of the ethical standards of the American Association of State Psychological Boards, Chapter III subparts A(2) Maintaining competency, and E(4) Multiple clients, based upon the following facts:

Licensee entered into an agreement with [REDACTED] to complete a custody evaluation concerning their son, Matthew, for use in a child custody hearing. Both parties had agreed to have Licensee conduct the evaluation. Licensee conducted the evaluation and completed a report in preparation for a hearing that was to take place in July of 2006. However, the [REDACTED] reached an agreement and a hearing never took place.

A new trial was scheduled for February of 2007. In preparation for the new trial, [REDACTED] through his attorney, requested [REDACTED]

Licensee conduct a supplemental evaluation. Licensee met with [REDACTED] and the child. Neither [REDACTED] nor her attorney was informed prior to the evaluation that a supplemental evaluation was being carried out, nor did Licensee meet with [REDACTED]

The parties again reached an agreement and settled on the day of the trial. Although Licensee was present, he did not testify. Licensee does report that he did sit with [REDACTED] believing at that time that he was [REDACTED] expert witness.

The Complaint, and any supplemental responses or other materials currently on file with the Board are hereby incorporated by reference.

This Stipulation for Settlement is entered into between Licensee and the Attorney General's Office (as the party responsible for presenting evidence to the Board), and is intended to settle and resolve all allegations contained within the Complaint and any concerns of the Board. The parties agree that it would be in the best interest of all parties concerned to settle the pending matter without holding a formal contested case hearing pursuant to SDCL 1-26.

The Attorney General's Office agrees to refrain from further action against Licensee's license in the matter in consideration for, and under the following conditions:

1. Licensee refrains from conducting any future child custody evaluations without having first completed Board approved training in the specific areas of

conducting custody evaluations and managing the multiple relationships involved in custody evaluations.

2. Any such training must be demonstrated to the Board by Licensee by providing documentation of any training sessions attended.
3. Prior to conducting any such evaluations, the Licensee submit to the Board for approval written procedures for conducting custody evaluations and managing the multiple relationships involved in a custody evaluation.

Because this matter is settled, the parties agree that the Board will not pursue further disciplinary action regarding the allegations contained in the Complaint, including an administrative contested case hearing. It is further understood by all parties that provided Licensee satisfactorily complies with all conditions herein, there will be no findings of fact issued regarding the allegations contained in the Complaint. However, Licensee understands and specifically agrees that in the event he fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Stipulation, such failure in and of itself constitutes new grounds for disciplinary action against Licensee's license by the Board. Licensee understands that this Stipulation, and the matters set forth in the Complaint, may be considered by the Board in any future disciplinary action that may be taken regarding Licensee's license.

Licensee acknowledges that he is aware of the nature and substance of the allegations that have been made against him. Licensee further acknowledges that he understands he has the right to counsel, notice, and a due process hearing before the Board concerning said allegations, as well as other rights as set forth in SDCL chs. 1-26 and 36-32, including the right to appeal the Board's final decision to the circuit court. Licensee hereby knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waives these rights and agrees to settle this matter in lieu of a formal hearing.

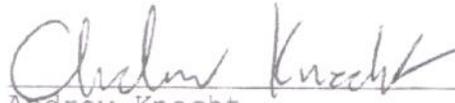
Licensee hereby acknowledges he understands this Stipulation and agrees to abide by its terms and conditions.

Dated this 14 day of April, 2008.



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Dated this 16 day of April, 2008.



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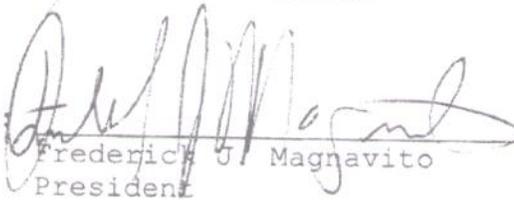
NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Examiners of Psychologists having been provided with the above Stipulation for Settlement entered into by Licensee, Dorrance Larson, and the South Dakota Office of the Attorney General, and the Board finding good cause for accepting the above Stipulation for Settlement; it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Board accepts the Stipulation for Settlement and hereby dismisses the pending Complaint proceedings, without entry of findings in this matter.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2008.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

By:


Frederick J. Magnavito
President

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