

Mr. Ernst completed the terms of the
consent agreement as of 11/18/2007.

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
JEREMY ERNST
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between JEREMY ERNST, hereinafter, "ERNST," and the STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD, hereinafter "BOARD," the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code and all rules promulgated therein.

ERNST hereby acknowledges that he has read and understands this CONSENT AGREEMENT and has voluntarily entered into it without threat or promise by the BOARD or any of its members, employees or agents.

ERNST is fully aware of his rights, including his right to be advised by counsel and his right to a hearing pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code on the issues which are the subject of this CONSENT AGREEMENT. Should ERNST fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, ERNST knowingly waives his rights under ORC Chapter 119.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

1. ERNST is a professional counselor (C-0008446) licensed to practice counseling in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of counseling as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. ERNST received his professional counselor license on March 18, 2005.
2. In July 2006, ERNST smoked marijuana with a current client in a social setting in Portsmouth, Ohio. ERNST'S actions constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C)(1).
3. ERNST admits the allegation referenced in paragraph 2 above.

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any formal disciplinary proceedings, ERNST knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. ERNST'S license to practice counseling is hereby **REPRIMANDED**.
2. ERNST must take six (6) hours of continuing counseling education in the area of professional ethics. These hours must be pre-approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. After ERNST completes these hours, he must submit a copy of his attendance certificate(s) to verify his attendance for these hours. These hours must be completed and verification submitted no later than April 30, 2007. The credit earned from these hours may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of ERNST.

It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** hereby settles all issues concerning this matter.

By his signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, ERNST acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. ERNST agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** and if this case proceeds to hearing, he will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** or of any information relating thereto.

ERNST hereby releases the members of the **BOARD**, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

This **CONSENT AGREEMENT** shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61, and Ohio Revised Code 3123.41 et seq., the **BOARD** may be required to provide ERNST'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

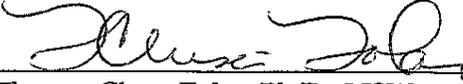
The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its September 22, 2006, meeting.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:



Jeremy Ernst, PC

9/14/06
Date



Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ph.D., LISW
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and
Family Therapist Board

9-22-06
Date



Peter R. Casey, IV, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family
Therapist Board

9/22/06
Date