

**BEFORE THE STATE OF OHIO
COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF

MARK STEVEN PETERSON
1613 BIRCH HILL COURT
FLORENCE, KY 41025

FINDINGS, ORDER AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came on for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing was mailed to Mark Steven Peterson, by the State of Ohio, Counselor and Social Worker Board on March 18, 1994.

By letter dated March 18, 1994, notice was given to Mark Steven Peterson, that the Counselor and Social Worker Board intended to consider disciplinary action regarding his license to practice counseling as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in the State of Ohio, and that he was entitled to a hearing if such a hearing was requested within thirty (30) days of the mailing of said notice. In accordance with Section 119.09, Ohio Revised Code, said notice was sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of Mark Steven Peterson, that being 1613 Birch Hill Court, Florence, KY 41042.

Mr. Peterson did not request a hearing.

Wherefore, it is hereby ORDERED that for the reasons outlined in the March 18, 1994 letter of notice, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, accordingly, the license of Mark Steven Peterson, to practice counseling as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in Ohio be REVOKED.

This ORDER shall become effective June 22, 1994.

This ORDER is hereby entered upon the Journal of the State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board for the day of June 22, 1994, and the original thereof shall be kept with said Journal.

Beth Farnsworth

BETH FARNSWORTH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

6/22/94

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**STATE OF OHIO
COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

June 22, 1994

**RE: IN THE MATTER OF
MARK STEVEN PETERSON**

Mark Steven Peterson
1613 Birch Hill Court
Florence, KY 41025

Dear Mr. Peterson:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the Findings, Order, and Journal Entry approved and confirmed by the Counselor and Social Worker Board, meeting in regular session on May 20, 1994.

Section 119.12, Ohio Revised Code, may authorize an appeal from this Order. Such an appeal may be taken to the Court of Common Pleas in the county in which your place of business is located or the court of the county in which you reside. If you are not a resident of and have no place of business in Ohio, you may appeal to the Court of Common Pleas in Franklin County, Ohio. Such an appeal setting forth the Order appealed from the grounds of the appeal must be commenced by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the Counselor and Social Worker Board and the appropriate court within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this notice and in accordance with the requirements of Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

State of Ohio
Counselor and Social Worker Board

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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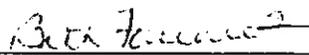
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY
FOR HEARING**

March 18, 1994

Mark Steven Peterson
1613 Birch Hill Ct.
Florence, KY 41042

Dear Mr. Peterson:

In accordance with Chapter 119 and Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker board intends to determine whether to refuse to renew or suspend or revoke, your license to practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor. The Board proposes this action for the following reasons:

- (1.) On or about October 9, 1985, you submitted an application to the Board for licensure as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, certifying that the statements contained in the application were true.
 - a.) You submitted a falsified copy of an Xavier University transcript as part of your application materials.
 - b.) In Section B of your application entitled "Education", you answered "yes" to Question 12:

"Did you Graduate from an accredited educational institution?"

Question 13 on your application asked you to:

"In chronological order, list academic degree(s) received since high school."

In response to Question 13 you listed:

- Xavier University; major in Biology/psychology; degree awarded Bachelor/Science; date 1971
- Xavier University; major in Clinical Psychology; degree awarded M.A.; date 1972
- University of Cincinnati; major in Clinical Psychology; degree awarded "in process Ph.D."

- 2.) Further, on or about December 11, 1989, and again on or about December 10, 1993, you submitted renewal applications to the Board. On these applications you certify that you:

"... understand that any person who knowingly makes false statements on the renewal application and accompanying forms is guilty of falsification under Section 2921.13 of the Ohio Revised Code, a misdemeanor of the first degree."

- a.) As part of your renewal applications you submitted a copy of your disclosure statement in which you list your credentials as follows:

- "M.A. in Clinical Psychology for Xavier University in 1972"
- "post-graduate work toward a Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati."

In fact, you were never enrolled as a student at Xavier University and thus have never received any degrees from that institution, nor were you ever enrolled as a doctoral student at the University of Cincinnati.

Your acts, conduct and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (1) above constitutes the "violation of any provision of this chapter or rules adopted under it," as that clause is used in Section 4757.13(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Ohio Administrative Code 4757-27-01(A).

Further, your acts, conduct and/or omissions as alleged in paragraphs (1) and (2) above constitutes "knowingly made a false statement in his application for licensure or registration, or for renewal of his license or certificate of registration, under this chapter and rules adopted under it," as that clause is used in Section 4757.13(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, and Ohio Administrative Code 4757-27-01(C)(1).

You are entitled to a hearing in this matter if you request such a hearing within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of this notice. You are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by your attorney, or to present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and at the hearing you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you.

In the event that there is no request for such hearing made within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of this notice, the State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board may, in its discretion, refuse to renew or suspend or revoke your license.

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Copies of pertinent statutes and rules are enclosed.

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Executive Director

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