

IN NOVEMBER, 2011, WHILE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN BEACHWOOD, MS. AXLER ENTERED INTO A MULTIPLE RELATIONSHIP WITH A CLIENT BY HIRING AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE CLIENT, AND PROVIDING THE CLIENT WITH A \$3,500.00 LOAN TO PAY FOR LEGAL SERVICES. MS. AXLER HAD CONCERNS REGARDING WHETHER THE CLIENT, INCARCERATED OVER A 4-DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND WOULD HARM HERSELF. THIS ACTION CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF ORC 4757.36 (C) (1) AND OAC 4757-5-03 (A). The terms of Ms. Axler's consent agreement are complete as of 5/25/12

Axler and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
JANET AXLER
AND THE**

**STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between **JANET AXLER**, hereinafter, "**AXLER**" 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.

AXLER hereby acknowledges that she 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. **AXLER** is fully aware of her rights, including her right to be advised by counsel and her right to a hearing pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code on the issues which are the subject of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

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 and, understandings:

1. **AXLER** is a professional clinical counselor (E-0001837-S) 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 Section 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. **AXLER** received her clinical counselor license on July 15, 1994.
2. In November, 2011, while in private practice in Beachwood, **AXLER** entered into a multiple relationship with a client by hiring an attorney to represent the client, and providing the client with a \$3500.00 loan to pay for legal services. **AXLER** had concerns regarding whether the client, incarcerated over a 4-day holiday weekend would harm herself. This action constitutes a violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (C) (1), O.A.C 4757-5-03 (A).
3. **AXLER** admits the allegations referenced in paragraphs 2.

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

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1. AXLER'S license to practice counseling (E-0001837-S) is **REPRIMANDED**.
2. AXLER must take six (6) hours in continuing education in ethics. The continuing education must be pre-approved by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. Once AXLER successfully completes the hours, AXLER must send verification directly to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The verification of completion is due in the Board office no later than July 15, 2012. The hours earned from the six continuing education 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 AXLER.

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

By her signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, AXLER 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. AXLER agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this CONSENT AGREEMENT and if this case proceeds to hearing, she will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this CONSENT AGREEMENT or of any information relating thereto.

AXLER 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 AXLER'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its May, 2012, meeting.

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



Janet Axler, PCC-S

4/20/12

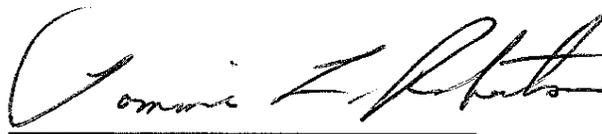
Date



Jay Milano, Esq.
Attorney for Ms. Axler

8/1/12

Date



Tommie L. Robertson, LIMFT
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker,
Marriage and Family Therapist Board

Date



Melissa L. Wilburn, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social worker, Marriage and
Family Therapist Board

5-18-12

Date