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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
DONALD L. CLARK
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between DONALD L. CLARK, hereinafter, "**CLARK**", 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 thereunder.

CLARK 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.

CLARK 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 **CLARK** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **CLARK** 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. **CLARK** is a social worker (S-29898) licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. **CLARK** received his social work license on September 20, 2002.
2. On or about March 23, 2004, the **BOARD** received a complaint from Six County, Inc., Zanesville, Ohio, alleging that **CLARK** blurred his professional boundaries by entering into a sexual relationship with a client in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(D)(1).
3. On May 11, 2004, **CLARK** contacted a Board investigator in response to a letter written by the **BOARD**. **CLARK** denied the allegation and stated he was currently living in West Virginia but was in the process of moving to North Carolina. **CLARK** indicated he was not planning

on returning to Ohio and was willing to surrender his social work license.

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

1. **CLARK** agrees to permanently surrender his license to practice social work in the State of Ohio. **CLARK** also understands that he would not be eligible to apply for a counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapist license in the future.

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**, **CLARK** 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. **CLARK** 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.

CLARK 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 **CLARK'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its _____ July _____, 2004, meeting.

Consent Agreement between Donald L. Clark and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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

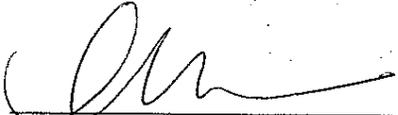


Donald L. Clark, LSW

Date

Counsel for Mr. Clark

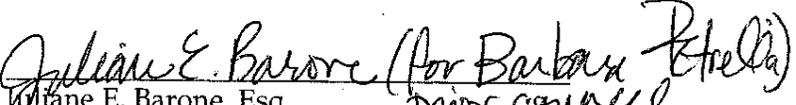
Date



Michael Davis, PCC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

7-16-04

Date



Julianne E. Barone, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board
(for Barbara Stella)
prior counsel

7-16-04

Date