

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:
Richard H. Barrett, II, Ph.D.
License Number: 97-13P

Case Number: C11-05

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

A hearing on the above-referenced matter was held before the Arkansas Psychology ("the Board") on May 18, 2012. Richard H. Barrett, II, Ph.D., the Respondent, appeared with his attorney Brian Meadors. On the basis of the testimony and other evidence presented, the Board makes the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed Psychologist in the State of Arkansas and holds license number 97-13P. He has been granted supervisor status.
2. Respondent self-admitted violation of the following Ethical Standards found in the American Psychological Association's *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct*, 2002 Ed. received in the Board office on August 5, 2011
 - a. 10.08(a) – Psychologist do not engage in sexual intimacies with former clients/patients for at least two years after cessation or termination of therapy.
3. Respondent provided therapy to Amy for several years. The therapeutic relationship ended in October 2010. Amy moved into Respondent's home in February 2011, they became engaged in June 2011, and were married on October 8, 2011.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Respondent violated Standard 10.08(a) of the American Psychological Association's *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* by engaging in sexual intimacies with a former client/patient within two (2) years of the termination of services. Violation of the ethics code is a ground for sanctions pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §17-97-310(a)(8).

ORDER

The Board imposes the following sanctions:

1. The Respondents Supervisor Status privileges are revoked;
2. The Respondents license to practice psychology is suspended for a period of 12 months beginning July 1, 2012;
3. Respondent is ordered to pay a fine of \$5,000;
4. Respondent is ordered to continue personal therapy;
5. Prior to consideration for Respondents request to reinstate his license, a Psychological Assessment must be rendered by a therapist that is pre-approved by the Board to conduct the psychological assessment; and,
6. If Respondents license to practice Psychology is reinstated, then he is to practice under the general supervision of a Board approved supervisor for a period of one year. The supervision shall be one hour, face-to-face, weekly supervision.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-212, the Respondents may petition for judicial review of this decision by filing a petition in the Circuit Court in the county in

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which they reside or do business or in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County within thirty days after service of this Order.

ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

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SHEILA PAULEY,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED: JUNE 5, 2012

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