

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

IN THE MATTER OF:

THOMAS L. JACKSON, Ph.D.
RESPONDENT

CASE NO. 01-13

CONSENT ORDER & RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

Comes the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Psychology ("ABEP"), in agreement with Thomas L. Jackson, Ph.D. ("Respondent"), and states as grounds for this Consent Order as follows:

HISTORY OF CASE

1. Respondent is a psychologist licensed by ABEP (License # 89-16P) and therefore is subject to ABEP's licensing law and regulations (including the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct*) and its jurisdiction.
2. Respondent formerly was a clinical faculty member within the graduate psychology program at the University of Arkansas until his resignation of his position on or about 8/1/01. On 8/13/01, a graduate student in the aforementioned clinical psychology program filed a Complaint regarding various activities of Respondent and interactions between the two of them over the course of several years and more particularly during the 2000-2001 academic year. Complainant alleged a number of violations of the *Code* Standards that allegedly caused Complainant harm.
3. The Complainant's allegations and the responses of Respondent have been adequately investigated and Respondent would be entitled to an adjudicatory hearing in this matter. Nevertheless, to achieve ABEP's goals of ensuring ethical practice by its licensees and the protection of the public and to bring closure to this matter in a fair manner, the parties herein have deemed it appropriate to resolve this case without a hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT & CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent specifically admits hereby having violated Standard 1.17 (Multiple Relationships: Supervisory and Social Dual Relationships) of the *Code* in his interactions with Complainant. There is no admission and/or adjudication of any other alleged violations.
2. Respondent states he has been under a voluntary suspension of any license-required practice of psychology from 8/30/01 through 8/30/02. He agrees that that suspension be officially recognized and adopted as a sanction.

ORDER

For the admitted violation, the following are the agreed sanctions to be applied:

1. Respondent's Arkansas license to practice psychology is deemed to have been officially suspended for the period of 8/30/01 through 8/30/02.

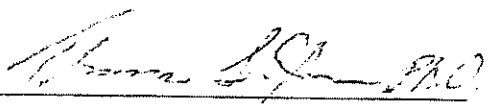
2. Respondent agrees that his license is considered to have been resigned, "without prejudice" to any subsequent re-application for licensure, as of August 30, 2002, and asserts that he has not engaged in practice activities that might require licensure since August 31, 2002. He also agrees to physically surrender said license to ABEP's offices within five (5) days of his receipt of a copy of the fully-executed Order. From and since the effective date of this Order, he shall refrain from any representation of being licensed by ABEP and will not display any facsimile of an ABEP license. A copy of this Order shall be placed in both the Respondent's general licensure file and the specific Complaint file and the latter is specifically open to review by any Board member or a Board designee in any subsequent credential review and re-licensure process that might be then-applicable. Both files are noted to be subject to the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.

3. The admitted ethical violation and sanctions being applied herein shall be reported to any applicable national disciplinary databank. The violation code reportable to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards disciplinary databank will be "Inappropriate Dual Relationships (supervisory and social dual relationships)."

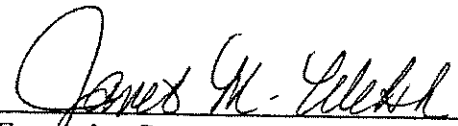
4. The effective date of this Order shall be the date that both signatories have signed it. It is expected that Respondent shall sign and date an original copy of this Order and return that original to ABEP's offices within ten (10) days of the date that it is mailed to him by either ABEP and/or his attorney. Respondent understands that failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions in the Order may result in further disciplinary proceedings, including the possibility of a re-opening of this case which might result in additional requirements or imposition of sanctions thereunder.

RESPONDENT:

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
IN PSYCHOLOGY**



Thomas L. Jackson, Ph.D.

BY: 

Executive Secretary

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