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LETTER OF REPRIMAND

Kathleen Boeve, LCSW  
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STATE  
BOARD OF  
CLINICAL  
SOCIAL  
WORKERS

Re: Complaint of D. McMinnville  
SBCSW Complaint No. 146-94

Dear Ms. Boeve:

On September 17, 1994, the Board of Clinical Social Workers (Board) received a complaint against you from D. McMinnville, the former husband of your client, M. McMinnville (now Boeve). Pursuant to its rules, the Board, through its administrator, mailed a copy of Mr. McMinnville's complaint to you. The Board received correspondence from you on November 29, 1994. In addition, the Board, through its Consumer Protection Committee, met with you on February 7, 1995, to discuss the facts of Mr. McMinnville complaint with you.

The Board met on May 6, 1995, and reviewed its investigation file with regard to this matter. Based on its review, the Board reprimands you for violation of OAR 877-30-070(1).

OAR 877-30-070(1) imposes on clinical social workers the obligation to avoid "dual relationships". The rule provides:

The clinical social worker must not violate his/her position of power, trust and dependence by committing any acts detrimental to the client. The clinical social worker shall not enter into a relationship with the client that conflicts with the interests of the client to benefit from the social work practice or one that might impair professional judgment and increase the risk of exploitation of the client for the clinical social worker's personal advantage.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The facts supporting this violation are as follows:

1. M. McMinnville (now Boeve) was your client at all times material to this reprimand.
2. While in a therapeutic relationship with Ms. McMinnville, you agreed to become Ms. McMinnville's daughter's godparent.



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### VIOLATION

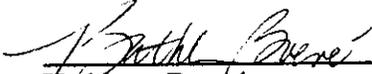
The Board concludes that simultaneously acting as Ms. McM[REDACTED]'s therapist and her child's godparent, you engaged in conduct that was reasonably likely to impair your professional judgment. Your duty to your client requires you to remain neutral and objective. Being a godparent to your client's child involved you in social interaction with your client and client's family outside of therapy. M[REDACTED]'s selection of you to serve as godparent to her child indicates transference, not in itself a problem. However, your acceptance of the role of godparent, a dual-relationship, was countertransference and impaired your ability to be objective in the therapeutic relationship.

### REPRIMAND

The Board is charged with the twin duties among others, (1) to formulate a code of professional conduct for the practice of social work, and (2) to enforce the statutes and rules. ORS 675.595(10) and (12). ORS 675.595(4) authorizes the Board to issue letters of reprimand to social workers licensed in the State of Oregon.

THE BOARD HEREBY REPRIMANDS YOU for these practices and a copy of this reprimand shall become part of your permanent file.

I HEREBY AGREE to accept this Reprimand and waive my rights to a hearing this 31 day of May, 1995.

  
Kathleen Boeve

IT IS SO ORDERED this 15<sup>TH</sup> day of June, 1995.

BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS  
State of Oregon

By:   
Elizabeth A. Buys, Administrator