

**BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS  
OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of

**MICHAEL V. STEVENS, LCSW**

Respondent.

**STIPULATED FINAL ORDER ASSESSING  
CIVIL PENALTY**

Case No. 2007-30

1.

The Board of Clinical Social Workers (Board) is the agency responsible for licensing, regulating, and disciplining Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) and Clinical Social Work Associates (CSWA) in the State of Oregon.

2.

At all times material herein, Michael V. Stevens, LCSW (Licensee) was licensed by the Board as an LCSW, License No. 2581, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. Licensee's current mailing address of record is PO Box 540, Mosier, Oregon 97040.

3.

Licensee provided four couples counseling sessions for then married clients ES and JS in the summer of 2006 (May to July). Licensee provided one individual counseling session to client ES in August, 2006. In October, 2007, client ES notified Licensee of filing for divorce and requested a copy of the records from their counseling sessions be sent to ES's attorney. Licensee obtained consent from client ES to send a summary letter of the counseling sessions to ES's attorney. Licensee then prepared and sent the summary letter to ES's attorney. The summary letter included information about client JS provided during the counseling sessions. Licensee did not obtain consent from client JS before sending the summary letter to ES's attorney. Licensee subsequently provided copies of the couples counseling records to the attorneys for both ES and JS. Licensee has acknowledged and accepts full responsibility for the breach of confidentiality that occurred when he provided confidential information provided by client JS during counseling sessions without first obtaining consent.

4.

Based on the foregoing, Licensee disclosed confidential information about client JS to an outside party without first obtaining consent or otherwise being authorized by law to disclose that information, in violation of OAR 877-030-0070(11) and ORS 675.580.

5.

Licensee admits to having committed the above conduct and violations.

6.

Licensee and the Board desire to resolve this matter by entry of this Stipulated Final Order Assessing Civil Penalty (Stipulated Order), pursuant to ORS 183.417(3).

7.

Based on the foregoing, the Board imposes a civil penalty in the sum of one thousand dollars and no cents (\$1,000) on Licensee for having committed the above violation, pursuant to ORS 675.540(2)(c), 675.595(10), and 183.745. Licensee agrees to pay said civil penalty within thirty (30) days of issuance of this Stipulated Order.

8.

Licensee understands, acknowledges, and agrees to the following:

8.1. This Stipulated Order will be submitted to the Board for approval and is subject to and conditioned upon approval by the full Board. This Stipulated Order, once issued by the Board, is a final order. Licensee must pay any civil penalties imposed by this Stipulated Order within thirty (30) days after issuance, pursuant to ORS 183.745(2).

8.2. This Stipulated Order is a public document and a matter of public discipline. This document must be disclosed, published, and reported in accordance with ORS 676.175(5)(a)(D), OAR 877-040-0050(2), and Oregon Public Records Law;

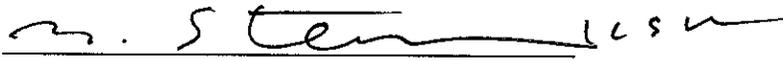
8.3. This Stipulated Order in no way limits or prevents further remedies, sanctions, or actions which may be available to the Board under Oregon law for conduct or actions of

Licensee not covered by this Stipulated Order, or against a party not covered by the Stipulated Order, or for Licensee's failure to comply with the terms of this Stipulated Order;

8.4. Licensee has been fully advised of Licensee's rights to notice and a contested case hearing under the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act (ORS Chapter 183) and Civil Penalty Procedures of ORS 183.745, and fully and finally waives any and all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulated Order; and

8.5. Licensee has fully read this Stipulated Order and understands it completely. Licensee voluntarily, without any force or duress, consents to issuance and entry of this Stipulated Order. Licensee states that no promises or representation has been made to induce Licensee to sign this Stipulated Order. Licensee has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulated Order and has been fully advised in regards thereto or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to issuance and entry of this Stipulated Order.

**IT IS SO STIPULATED AND AGREED TO** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2008.

  
Michael V. Stevens, LCSW, Licensee

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 16 day of February, 2008.

**BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS  
State of Oregon**

By:   
Mark F. Oldham, Chair