

BEFORE THE  
PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSING BOARD  
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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In the Matter of the	)	
Physical Therapist License of	)	
RUTH CLAIRE BARTON, PT	)	Case No.: PT 252-8/07
License # 3185	)	STIPULATED AGREEMENT AND
Licensee.	)	FINAL ORDER
	)	(Probation and Civil Penalty)

The Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing and disciplining physical therapists and physical therapist assistants pursuant to ORS 688.140 and 688.160. Ruth Claire Barton, PT (Licensee) is licensed by the Board to practice as a physical therapist in Oregon. On February 15, 2008, the Board issued a Proposed Notice of Disciplinary Action. The Board and Licensee agree to resolve all issues raised by the Notice through this Stipulated Agreement and Final Order (Stipulation) as follows:

STIPULATIONS

1. Licensee stipulates that she failed to maintain proper professional boundaries with two physical therapy patients in violation of ORS 688.140(2)(m), specifically OAR 848-045-0020(2)(k) and (2)(o)(A).
2. Licensee stipulates to the assessment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000 with \$2,000 stayed pending successful completion of a one-year probation.
3. Licensee stipulates to a one-year license probation, during which time the Board has the right to review Licensee's practice.
4. Licensee stipulates that within the first six months of the probationary period, at her expense, Licensee will attend a Board-approved course on professional Boundaries and report her plan for implementation of practice changes, in writing, to the Board within 30 days of completion of the

1 course. In addition, Licensee stipulates that she will submit a follow-up  
2 report to the Board within six months of course completion as to her  
3 progress and implementation of changes.

4 5. Licensee stipulates that during the period of probation, Licensee will  
5 comply with all statutes and rules governing the practice of physical  
6 therapy in the State of Oregon. Failure to do so could result in further  
7 disciplinary action.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of ~~JULY~~<sup>August</sup>, 2008.

9 OREGON PHYSICAL THERAPIST  
10 **SIGNATURE ON FILE**

11 James D. Heider, Executive Director

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13 CONSENT

14 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have read and understand the provisions of this  
15 Stipulated Agreement and Final Order. I understand that I have a right to a hearing with  
16 the assistance of legal counsel. I freely and voluntarily waive all rights to a hearing,  
17 further appeal or judicial review in this matter, and I understand that any violation of  
18 this Stipulated Agreement and Final Order shall be grounds for additional discipline.

19 **SIGNATURE ON FILE**

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21 Ruth Claire Barton, PT