

**BOARD OF LICENSED  
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS  
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of	)	Case No. 2005-0019
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<b>CAMMIE HERING LPC</b>	)	<b>FINAL STIPULATED</b>
	)	<b>ORDER</b>

The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists in the State of Oregon.

**I.  
Findings of Fact**

1.

Licensee (#C1095) has been licensed as a Professional Counselor in the State of Oregon, under ORS 675.726, since June 6, 1996. Licensee practiced at her business location in Portland, Oregon which was her private practice in Portland, Oregon.

2.

On July 22, 2005, the Board served Licensee with a Notice of Proposed Discipline for License Revocation based on allegations in that notice. The notice is hereby incorporated herein by reference. Generally, it was alleged that Licensee provided counseling service to Patient 1 from the Fall of 2003 through 2004. During August 2004, while providing treatment to Patient 1, Licensee and Patient 1 kissed one another. Soon after, sexual contact between Licensee and Patient 1 began.

**II.  
Conclusion of Law**

The Board finds that the conduct of Licensee in regards to Patient 1 constitutes violations of OAR 833-060-0001(2)(a) because Licensee used her position as a therapist and overlapped it with personal relationship activities creating dual relationships with Patient 1. In addition, the Board finds that the conduct also constitutes a violation of OAR 833-060-0001(1) by not promoting the welfare and best interest of the patient.

The Board finds that sexual contact with an ongoing therapy patient constitutes a violation of OAR 833-060-0001(2)(A), (D) and (E) by engaging in a relationship with a client that conflicts with the ability of the client to get benefit from the therapy

relationship, by exploiting a current patient for a sexual relationship and by engaging in sexual acts or a sexual relationship with a client within three years of rendering professional services.

The Board finds that these acts constitute gross negligence under ORS 675.745(1)(c).

### III.

Licensee and the Board wish to resolve the present disciplinary matter. Licensee agrees to accept as proposed discipline, pursuant to ORS 183.415, this stipulated order to be entered as follows:

1. Licensee agrees to entering this order. Licensee is aware that if the matter proceeded to discipline, she is entitled to a contested case pursuant to ORS 183.310-550 and agrees that by surrendering her license she foregoes any contested case rights, or rights on appeal.
2. Licensee admits that she had a dual relationship with Patient 1. Licensee admits that she had a sexual relationship with Patient 1.
3. Licensee will surrender her license effective August 15, 2005 with this Board and will no longer be a licensed professional counselor.
4. Licensee agrees not to apply or register with this Board at any time in the future. Alternatively, if and only if the validity of this term is ever declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, parties hereby agree that Licensee may not apply for licensure or registration with the Board for at least ten years (10) from the effective date of this Stipulation.
5. Licensee agrees to an assessed civil penalty in this matter in the sum of \$3,000. Licensee agrees to make full payment of that penalty within 30 days of signing the final order.
6. Licensee agrees to notify all current seminar registrants and clients that Licensee is no longer a Licensed Professional Counselor within 20 days of signing this final order; Licensee agrees to request any known distributors of Licensee's material identifying her as a Licensed Professional Counselor to no longer distribute those materials and request that the parties cease distribution of that material in the future. Licensee agrees to provide the Board with proof of the notification to the Board within 5 days of sending it.
7. This stipulation resolves all matters between Licensee and this Board.
8. This document shall be public record.
9. The matter will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank-Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (NPDB-HIPDB).
10. If Licensee violates any part of the agreed Stipulated Final Order, that may be cause for further discipline, including a civil penalty, after appropriate notice and hearing pursuant to ORS 183.

IN SIGNING THIS STIPULATED AGREEMENT, LICENSEE ACKNOWLEDGES:

I understand that by entering into the stipulated agreement, I waive the right to an administrative hearing.

No promises, representation, duress, or coercion have been used to induce me to sign this stipulation.

I have read this stipulation and understand it completely.

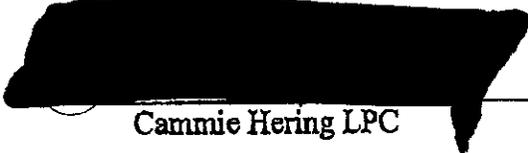
I understand that this stipulation will be submitted to the Board for approval and is subject to the Board's confirmation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

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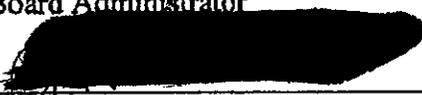
  
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