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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE SOCIAL WORKER SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
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	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
FRANCIS J. DEISLER, L.C.S.W.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 SOC 001

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Francis J. Deisler, L.C.S.W.  
1910 Saint Joe Center Rd., Bldg. 53  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional  
Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8366  
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board (Section). The Section has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Section in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Francis J. Deisler, L.C.S.W., (dob January 8, 1945) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice social work, having license number 1168-123, first granted on September 27, 1993. This license expired on February 28, 2015 and has not been renewed. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Respondent retains the right to renew upon payment of fee until February 27, 2020. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1910 Saint Joe Center Road, Building 53, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825.

2. On March 31, 2015, Respondent was issued a Letter of Reprimand by the Indiana Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board (Indiana Board) based on the following facts:

- a. Respondent has held Marriage and Family Therapist and Clinical Social Worker licenses in the state of Indiana since October 27, 1992 and July 30, 1993, respectively.
- b. On or about September 23, 1999, Respondent filed a petition to change his name.
- c. On December 15, 1999, Respondent was granted a name change and his last name was legally changed from "Deisler" to "Palani."
- d. Respondent continued to renew his Indiana licenses under the name "Francis J. Deisler," including his February 2014 renewal.
- e. As of March 13, 2015, Respondent had not notified the Indiana Board that he had changed his name.

3. On December 20, 1993, Respondent submitted an application for licensure in Michigan and was subsequently granted a limited psychologist license.

4. On September 15, 2015, Respondent permanently surrendered his limited psychologist license by stipulating to a Consent Order with the Michigan Board of Psychology.

5. Respondent admitted to the following facts:

- a. On September 6, 1973, Respondent, in Milwaukee County Circuit Court case number 1973CF8028, was convicted of rape and committed to the Central State Hospital in Waupun, Wisconsin for treatment of "mental aberrations."
- b. On November 8, 1973, Respondent, in Milwaukee County Circuit Court case number 1973CF7991, was convicted of armed robbery and sentenced to fifteen (15) years imprisonment.
- c. On January 28, 1974, Respondent, in Washington County Circuit Court case number 3919C, was convicted of seven (7) counts of burglary or attempted burglary and one (1) count of rape. Respondent was sentenced to ten (10) years imprisonment for the burglary convictions and five (5) years with commitment to institutional care for the rape conviction to run concurrently with the 1973 convictions.
- e. In response to the question on Respondent's 1993 application "Have you ever been convicted of a crime?" Respondent marked "No." Respondent also provided an incorrect date of birth and social security number on his application.

6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Francis J. Deisler, L.C.S.W., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02 (23), by having a license, registration, or certificate permitting the practice of marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, or social work revoked, suspended, limited, or subjected to any other discipline, by any other jurisdiction.

3. As result of the above violation, Francis J. Deisler, L.C.S.W., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(a), (f) and (h).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The Section accepts the voluntary SURRENDER of Francis J. Deisler, L.C.S.W.'s license (1168-123) to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin.

3. This surrender constitutes the permanent relinquishment of Respondent's license to practice social work in Wisconsin. Respondent is on notice that he may not engage in the practice of social work in the state of Wisconsin, nor may he hold himself out as one so licensed or otherwise authorized to practice social work in this state.

4. Respondent shall immediately return all indicia of Wisconsin licensure to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
[DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov)

5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

SOCIAL WORKER SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

by:

  
A Member of the Board

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Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE SOCIAL WORKER SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FRANCIS J. DEISLER, L.C.S.W.,  
RESPONDENT.

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 SOC 001

Respondent Francis J. Deisler, L.C.S.W., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

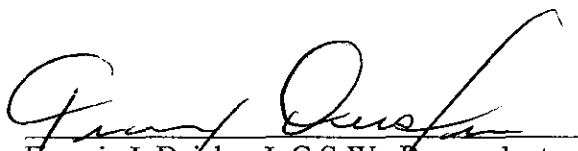
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board (Section). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Section's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Section, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Section, the parties agree not to contend that the Section has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

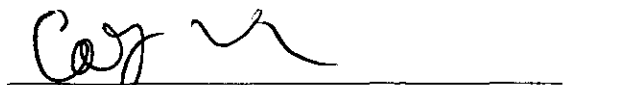
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Section may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

  
Francis J. Deisler, L.C.S.W., Respondent  
1910 Saint Joe Center Rd., Bldg. 53  
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License no. 1168-123

1/11/16  
Date

  
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1/14/16  
Date