

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SAMANTHA L. LITTEL, S.A.C.-I.T.,  
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
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**ORDER 0006685**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 RSA 014

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

Samantha L. Littell, S.A.C.-I.T.  
West Bend, WI

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 8368  
Madison, WI 53708-8368

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Department adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Samantha L. Littell, (DOB XX-XX-1987) is certified in the state of Wisconsin as a substance abuse counselor-in-training, having certification number 17988-130, first granted on November 8, 2016 and current through February 28, 2021.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a substance abuse counselor-in-training at a residential transitional care facility located in Kewaskum, Wisconsin (Facility).

3. Respondent engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a male client of the Facility that resulted in the birth of her son.

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

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88, 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, Respondent Samantha L. Littel, S.A.C.-I.T., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 164.01(2)(m), by engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a patient.

3. As a result of the violations noted in the Conclusions of Law, Samantha L. Littel, S.A.C.-I.T. is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88(6).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The voluntary SURRENDER of the certificate to practice as a substance abuse counselor-in-training in the state of Wisconsin issued to Samantha L. Littel (certificate no. 17988-130) is accepted.

3. Respondent shall not petition the Department for reinstatement of her certificate to practice substance abuse counseling-in-training in the state of Wisconsin for at least five (5) years from the date of this Order. In the event Respondent petitions the Department for reinstatement, the Department may enter an order denying such petition without further notice or hearing. Whether to grant a license and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any license shall be in the discretion of the Department.

4. In the event Respondent petitions the Department for reinstatement of her certificate to practice substance abuse counseling-in-training in the state of Wisconsin or applies for another credential with this Department, Respondent shall pay the costs of this matter in the amount of \$275.00.

5. Respondent shall immediately return all indicia of certification to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

You may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System,  
here: <https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>.

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

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

By: A. Rohmeyer  
Aloysius Rohmeyer, Chief Counsel  
On Behalf of the Department

2/21/2020  
Date

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DIV LEGAL SERVICES & COMPLIANCE  
DEPT SAFETY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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STIPULATION

**ORDER 0006685**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 RSA 014

Respondent Samantha L. Littell, S.A.C.-I.T. 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 Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). 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 Department's Order, if adopted in the form as attached.

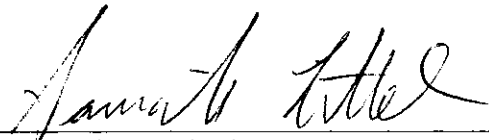
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Department, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the

Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Department, the parties agree not to contend that the Department has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

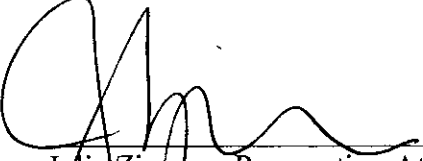
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance may appear before the Department, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the Department may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department'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 that the Department adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

  
Samantha L. Littel, S.A.C.-I.T., Respondent  
West Bend, WI  
Certificate No. 17988-130

2/7/2020  
Date

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

2/10/2020  
Date