

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

KENNETH R. PRIDE, PH.D.,  
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0006727

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 PSY 016

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

Kenneth R. Pride, Ph.D.  
Minocqua, WI 54548

Wisconsin Psychology 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 Psychology Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Kenneth R. Pride, Ph. D., (DOB XX-XX-1945) was licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice psychology, having license number 1583-57, first issued on September 18, 1990. This license expired on September 30, 2019, and has not been renewed. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Respondent retains the right to renew upon payment of a fee until September 29, 2024. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in Minocqua, Wisconsin 54548.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was self-employed as a psychologist in Wisconsin.

3. Respondent has not actively practiced psychology since the spring of 2013.
4. It is alleged that Patient A first met Respondent in January 2003, when he served as clinical supervisor for her counselor.
5. It is alleged that, at the end of 2003 or beginning of 2004, Patient A began treatment with Respondent.
6. It is alleged that, sometime in 2008, while Patient A was still Respondent's patient, Respondent and Patient A began a sexual relationship. That sexual relationship continued until approximately 2016.
7. Respondent denies the allegations and maintains that the signing of the stipulation in this matter does not constitute an admission of any kind. Respondent consents to the entry of this Order solely to avoid further licensing proceedings.
8. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 455.09(1), 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 violated Wis. Admin. Code § Psy 5.01(14)(a), by engaging in sexual contact, sexual conduct, kissing, or any other behavior which could reasonably be construed as seductive, romantic, harassing, or exploitive, with a client.
3. As a result of the above violations, Kenneth R. Pride, Ph.D., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 455.09(1)(g).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. The right to renew the license to practice psychology in the state of Wisconsin issued to Kenneth R. Pride, Ph.D., (license no. 1583-57) is hereby REVOKED.
3. Respondent shall not apply to the Board for reinstatement of his license for at least two (2) years from the date of this Order.
4. In the event Respondent applies to the Board for reinstatement of his license to practice psychology in the state of Wisconsin after two (2) years from the date of this Order, the Board 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 Board.

5. In the event Respondent applies to the Board for reinstatement of his license to practice psychology in the state of Wisconsin or applies for another credential with this Department, Respondent shall pay costs of this matter in the amount of \$ 1,102.00.

6. Applications for reinstatement and payment of costs may be submitted 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

You may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here:

<https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring>

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

WISCONSIN PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

by: Daniel Schroeder/mw  
A Member of the Board

03.25.2020  
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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STIPULATION

**ORDER 0006727**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 PSY 016

Respondent Kenneth R. Pride, Ph.D., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance,  
Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

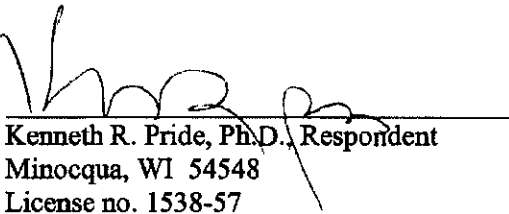
1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives 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. Respondent is represented by Attorney Terence J. Bouressa.
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board (Board). 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 Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, 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 Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

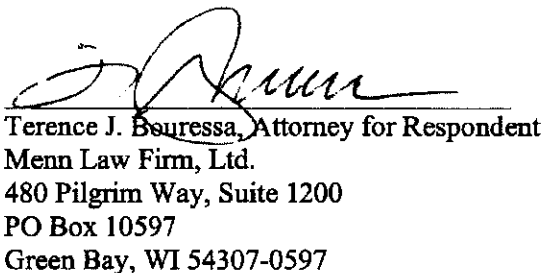
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes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

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

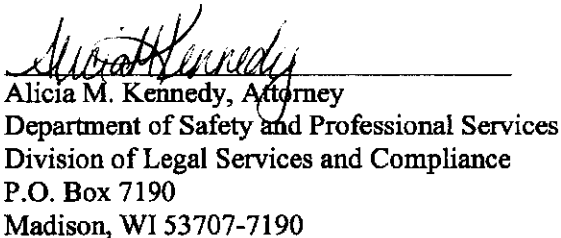
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

  
Kenneth R. Pride, Ph.D., Respondent  
Minocqua, WI 54548  
License no. 1538-57

1/17/20  
Date

  
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PO Box 10597  
Green Bay, WI 54307-0597

1/17/20  
Date

  
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Date