

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR 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

KEITH F. IRIS, JR. L.P.C.,  
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
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**ORDER 0006909**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 CPC 032

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

Keith F. Iris, Jr., L.P.C.  
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405

Professional Counselor 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 Professional Counselor 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, Conclusion of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Keith F. Iris, Jr., L.P.C., (DOB xx/xx/1963) is licensed to practice professional counseling in the state of Wisconsin, having license number 4156-125, first issued on January 13, 2009, and current through February 28, 2021. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a professional counselor at a federal government veteran's center located in Lake Havasu City, Arizona (Center).

3. On June 17, 2018, Respondent resigned from the Center upon being confronted with allegations that he had sexually harassed and assaulted a female work-study veteran working at the Center.

4. The Department requested additional information from the Center, which responded that, due to Respondent's immediate resignation, the Center conducted no further investigation to evaluate the allegations.

5. The Department requested that Respondent provide a response to the allegations and he informed the Department that he wishes to surrender his license to practice professional counseling in Wisconsin.

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

#### CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Professional Counselor 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(2), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The SURRENDER of Respondent's license to practice professional counseling in the state of Wisconsin issued to Respondent (license no. 4156-125) is hereby accepted.

3. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for reinstatement as a professional counselor in the future, the Section 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 Section.

4. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for reinstatement of his license to practice professional counseling in the state of Wisconsin or applies for another credential with the Department, Respondent shall pay the costs of this matter in the amount of \$570.00.

5. 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

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

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

by: Tammy Scheidegger C.P.  
A Member of the Section

7/21/2020  
Date

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STIPULATION

**ORDER 0006909**

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Respondent Keith F. Iris, Jr., L.P.C., 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 Professional Counselor 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.

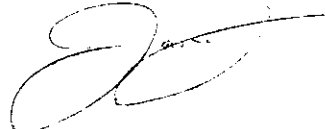
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's 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.

  
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Keith F. Iris, Jr., L.P.C., Respondent  
Lake Havasu City, AZ. 86405  
License no. 4156-125

4/6/2020  
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Date

  
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Joost Kap, Attorney  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
P.O. Box 7190  
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4/10/20  
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Date