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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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

JESSICA A. KATRICHIS, S.W.,
(AKA Jessica Rodriguez)
RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0007184

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 SOC 028

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

Jessica A. Katrichis, S.W.
(AKA Jessica Rodriguez)
Milwaukee, WI 53214

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 Jessica A. Katrichis (AKA Jessica Rodriguez) (Year of Birth 1980) in credentialed in the state of Wisconsin to practice social work, having certificate number 10432-120, first issued on April 26, 2010. This credential expired on February 28, 2019, and has not been renewed. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53214.

2. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Respondent retains the right to renew her social worker certificate upon payment of a late renewal fee through February 29, 2024.

3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a social worker at a non-profit facility (Facility), located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

4. On June 18, 2020, the Department of Safety and Professional Services received a complaint alleging that Respondent had been engaging in a sexual relationship with a client of the Facility since the fall of 2019.

5. Respondent admitted to the sexual relationship with the client but maintains that the sexual relationship began approximately two months after the client was discharged from the Facility.

6. Respondent wishes to surrender her social worker credential.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Section 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, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct by engaging in sexual conduct with a client within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code. § MPSW 20.02(11). This section provides that a person shall continue to be a client for two (2) years after the termination of professional services.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The voluntary SURRENDER of the right to renew the credential to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin issued to Respondent (license no. 10432-120) is accepted.

3. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for reinstatement as a social worker in the future, the Section may enter an order denying such petition without further notice or hearing. Whether to grant a credential and whether to impose limitations or restrictions on any credential granted shall be in the discretion of the Section.

4. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for reinstatement as a social worker in the future, Respondent must first pay costs associated with this matter in the amount of \$432, to the Department, before the Section will consider the application for reinstatement.

5. Any petitions for reinstatement and payment of costs, if applicable, shall be sent 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
DPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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

6. 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: Erinace Cortes L.K.
A Member of the Section

27 January 2021
Date

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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JESSICA A. KATRICHIS, S.W.,
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STIPULATION

ORDER 0007184

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 SOC 028

Respondent Jessica A. Katrichis (AKA Jessica Rodriguez), 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.



Jessica A. Katrichis, S.W., Respondent
(AKA Jessica Rodriguez)
Milwaukee, WI 53214
License no. 10432-120

11/10/2020

Date



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

11/11/2020

Date