

## 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

LAUREN M. PAPE, C.S.A.C.,  
RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

**ORDER 0007988**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 RSA 040 and 21 RSA 017

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

Lauren M. Pape, C.S.A.C.  
Lodi, WI 53555

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Lauren M. Pape, C.S.A.C., (Year of Birth 1985) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a clinical substance abuse counselor, having certificate number 16121-132, first issued on February 7, 2017. This certificate expired on March 1, 2021 and has not been renewed.<sup>1</sup> Respondent retains the right to renew her certificate, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.02(3)(b), upon payment of a fee, until February 28, 2026. Respondent's most recent address on file with the

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<sup>1</sup> Additionally, Respondent holds a credential as a professional counselor-in-training (3929-226). The LPC-IT credential is being addressed under DSPS Case Numbers 20 CPC 053 and 21 CPC 028.

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Lodi, Wisconsin 53555.

**20 RSA 040**

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a clinical substance abuse counselor working with Client A, a male born in 1984, residing at a recovery center (Center) located in Madison, Wisconsin.

3. Client A's probation and parole agent (Agent) sent a letter to Respondent's manager stating that Client A requested the Agent approve an intimate relationship with Respondent.

4. The Agent denied Client A's request based upon:

- a. There are site checks completed throughout the night at various times and Respondent had stayed overnight at the Center with Client A, a violation of the Center and Client A's supervision. Client A was given a verbal warning.
- b. Two weeks later, Client A's Agent was notified that Respondent was observed at the Center with Client A during a site check on a non-business day. Client A was advised to turn himself into jail due to the violations of his supervision.
- c. Client A admitted to the Agent that Respondent had stayed overnight at the Center with him approximately 5-10 times and they were in an unapproved romantic/sexual relationship.

5. Respondent provided a response to the allegations to the Department in which she admitted to having a brief sexual relationship with Client A.

**21 RSA 017**

6. On April 2, 2021, an anonymous individual, purporting to be a previous client of Respondent (Client B), sent an email to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) admitting to having an intimate relationship with Respondent.

7. Respondent provided a response to the allegations to the Department in which she described a violent, domestic relationship that she had ended near the time Client B made the report to DHS. Respondent suspected that Client B was her previous partner rather than a prior client.

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

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Department has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88(6), 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 inappropriate sexual contact, exposure, gratification, or other sexual behavior with or in the presence of a patient, in violation of Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 164.01(2)(m).

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent failed to avoid dual relationships or relationships that may impair the substance abuse professional's objectivity or create a conflict of interest, in violation of Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 164.01(2)(n).

4. As a result of the above violations, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88(6).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER by Respondent of her right to renew her certificate to practice as a clinical substance abuse counselor in the state of Wisconsin (certificate no. 16121-132), is accepted.

3. In the event Respondent petitions the Department for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a clinical substance abuse counselor in the state of Wisconsin or applies for another credential in the state of Wisconsin under Wis. Stat. chs. 440 through 480, Respondent shall comply with all limitations set forth in the final order issued in DSPS Case Numbers 20 CPC 053 and 21 CPC 028.

4. In the event Respondent petitions the Department for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a clinical substance abuse counselor in the state of Wisconsin or applies for another credential in the state of Wisconsin under Wis. Stat. chs. 440 through 480, Respondent shall pay the costs of this matter in the amount of \$448.00, before any petition or application for a credential will be considered by the applicable board or Department.

5. In the event Respondent petitions the Department for reinstatement of her clinical substance abuse counselor certificate, the Department may enter an order denying such application without further notice or hearing. Whether to grant a certificate and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any certificate granted shall be in the sole discretion of the Department and such decision is not reviewable.

6. Any requests, petitions, payments of costs (made payable to Department of Safety and Professional Services), and other information required by this Order shall be submitted to:

Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
Telephone (608) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264  
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Respondent may also submit this information online at: <https://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>.

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

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

By: Al Rohmeyer Date 5/25/2022  
A Member of the Department

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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STIPULATION

**ORDER 0007988**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Nos. 20 RSA 040 and 21 RSA 017

Lauren M. Pape, C.S.A.C. (Respondent) 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

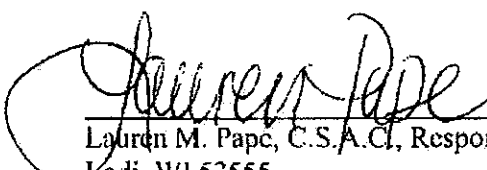
Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Department, the parties agree not to contend that the Department has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

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.

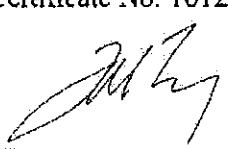
7. Respondent is informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. Respondent is further informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department's Final Decision and Order will be reported as required by the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB) Guidebook and as otherwise required by any licensure compact or any other state or federal law.

9. 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.

  
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Lauren M. Pape, C.S.A.CI, Respondent  
Lodi, WI 53555  
Certificate No. 16121-132

5/19/22  
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Date

  
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5/23/2022  
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