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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

INTERIM ORDER

DOUGLAS E. A. STRONG, L.C.S.W., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0008150

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 SOC 045

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

Douglas E. A. Strong, L.C.S.W. Madison, WI 53703

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 agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as an Interim Order in this matter, subject to the approval of the Social Worker Section of the 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 Douglas E. A. Strong, L.C.S.W., (Year of Birth: 1982) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice as a licensed clinical social worker, having license number 8606-123, first issued on September 12, 2016 and current through February 28, 2023. Respondent's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Respondent legally changed his name from Douglas E. A. Schechter to Douglas E. A. Strong on July 24, 2018, Dane County Case No. 18CV1570.

most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Madison, Wisconsin 53703.

- 2. On October 14, 2021, Respondent was charged in Dane County Circuit Court, Case Number 21CF2351, with one count of Sexual Exploitation by Therapist, a felony, in violation of Wis, Stat. § 940.22(2).
- 3. On October 25, 2021, Respondent entered a plea of "not guilty" to the charges in Dane County Case Number 21CF2351 and the matter is currently pending.
- 4. Respondent's criminal charges substantially relate to the practice of social work under Respondent's credential.
- 5. The Section has not made a final determination whether Respondent violated any statutes or rules related to the practice of social work.
- 6. Respondent is neither currently employed nor practicing under his social work credential. He does not possess a social work credential in any other jurisdiction.
- 7. Respondent agrees to refrain from any activity described in Wis. Stat. § 457.04 or the practice of social work under Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 2.01 and Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW ch. 6 until adjudication of the charge in Dane County Case Number 21CF2351 and the issuance of a final order in DSPS Case Number 21 SOC 045.
- 8. Respondent's consent to the entry of this Interim Order does not constitute an admission of guilt to the charges referenced in paragraph 2 above, or any act of professional misconduct.

## CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07 and has authority to enter into this stipulation for an Interim Order pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

#### ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent's license to practice as a licensed clinical social worker in the state of Wisconsin (license no. 8606-123) is SUSPENDED.
- 3. Further investigation into this disciplinary case, DSPS Case Number 21 SOC 045, will be held in abeyance pending a resolution in Dane County Case Number 21 CF2351.
- 4. The suspension shall remain in effect until the Section issues a Final Decision and Order in DLSC Case Number 21 SOC 045.

5. Any final order issued in DSPS Case Number 21 SOC 045 will supersede this Interim Order. 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: Rohmer DSPS Chief Legal Counsel, 125 2-03-2

A-Member of the Section Delegatee 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

DOUGLAS E. A. STRONG, L.C.S.W., RESPONDENT.

STIPULATION FOR INTERIM ORDER OORDER OOS 50

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 SOC 045

Respondent Douglas E. A. Strong, L.C.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.
- 2. 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 Amy Scholl.
- 3. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations in this matter but agrees to the adoption of the attached Interim Order by the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board (Section). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Interim 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.
- 4. 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 be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that this 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.
- 5. 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 a case advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, if any, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Section may have in connection with the Section's deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such case advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Interim Order.

- Respondent is informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's Interim Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
- The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in 7.

recommending that the Section adopt this Stipula	ntion and issue the attached Interim Order.
Douglas E. A. Strong, L.C.S. ; espondent Madison, WI 53703 License No. 8606-123	4/18/27 Date
Am Joholl, Respondent's Attorney Coyne Schultz Becker & Bauer SC 150 E. Gilman St, Ste 1000 Madison, WI 53703	4/18/22 Date
Mhy	4/19/2022
Lesley McKinney, Prosecuting Attorney	Date

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