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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

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

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INTERIM ORDER

ORDER 0002^50

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
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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,¹ 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

¹ 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 21CF2351.

4. The suspension shall remain in effect until the Section issues a Final Decision and Order in DLSC Case Number 21 SOC 045.

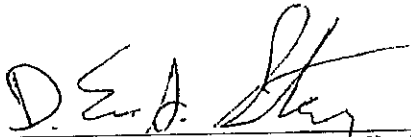
5. Any final order issued in DSPS Case Number 21 SOC 045 will supersede this Interim Order. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

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

By: Al Rehmeier **DSPS Chief Legal Counsel,** 7/25/2022
~~A Member of the Section~~ **Delegate** Date

6. 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.

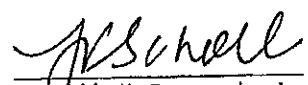
7. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending that the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Interim Order.



Douglas E. A. Strong, L.C.S. Respondent
Madison, WI 53703
License No. 8606-123

4/18/22


Date



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4/19/2022

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