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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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
REBECA J. ARGIRO, L.P.C.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0008652

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 CPC 051

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

Rebeca J. Argiro, L.P.C.
Weston, WI 54476

Wisconsin Professional Counselor Section of the 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 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. Rebeca J. Argiro, L.P.C. (Respondent), (Year of Birth 1981) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a professional counselor, having license number 5483-125, first issued on November 17, 2014 and current through February 28, 2025. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Weston, Wisconsin 54476.

Prior Section Action

2. On October 13, 2020, the Section issued an Administrative Warning to Respondent for failing to report criminal convictions to the Section within 48 hours of the entry of the conviction. The criminal convictions identified in the Administrative Warning included:

- a. On April 19, 2017, Respondent was convicted in Marathon County Circuit Court, case number 2016CM001083, of two counts of Battery and one count of Disorderly Conduct, all with Domestic Abuse modifiers, class A and B misdemeanors, in violation of Wis. Stat. §§ 940.19(1), 947.01(1), and 968.075(1)(a).
- b. On October 2, 2018, Respondent was convicted in Marathon County Circuit Court, case number 2018CM01515, of one count of Disorderly Conduct, a class B misdemeanor, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 947.01(1).
- c. On August 2, 2019, Respondent was convicted in Lincoln County Circuit Court, case number 2019CM000149, of one count of Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) 2nd, a class U misdemeanor, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 346.63(1)(a).

Current Case

3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent worked as a professional counselor at a behavioral health group located in Weston, Wisconsin.

4. On May 24, 2020, an officer with the Wausau Police Department made contact with a woman (Female A) who reported Respondent entered her residence that morning without permission to do so. At approximately 6:30 a.m. Respondent started knocking on Female A's front door and was yelling. Respondent was looking for an adult male with whom Respondent had been having a personal relationship. Eventually, Respondent accessed the residence through an unlocked side door. The man for whom Respondent was looking locked himself in Female A's bedroom. Respondent was yelling and cursing at the man through the door before leaving.

5. Respondent was charged for the conduct identified in paragraph 4 above with criminal trespass in violation of Wis. Stat. §§ 943.14(2) and 939.51(3)(a) a misdemeanor, and disorderly conduct in violation of Wis. Stat. §§ 947.01(1) and 939.51(3)(b) a misdemeanor, in Marathon County Circuit Court Case No. 2020CM001356.

6. On August 2, 2021, Respondent was convicted of one count of Disorderly Conduct, a misdemeanor, in violation of Wis. Stats. § 947.01(1) in Marathon County Circuit Court Case No. 2020CM001356 related to her conduct on May 24, 2020, described in paragraph 4 above. Respondent was sentenced to 30 days in jail and required to pay costs. This sentence ran concurrent with the sentence for the convictions in Marathon County Circuit Court Case No. 2020CM0001453.

7. On September 26, 2020, an officer with the Wausau Police Department responded to a harassment complaint against Respondent by a second woman (Female B). Female B reported to officers that the incident stemmed from her recent relationship with Respondent's ex-husband. Since Female B started dating him, she had received numerous calls and threats from Respondent.

Respondent also told Female B that she had obtained confidential information regarding Female B's recent doctor appointment. Female B reported receiving harassing messages from Respondent to her former husband that caused Female B severe anxiety. Female B reported to the officer that Respondent threatened to beat her up, kill her, and told her she would be beaten so badly she would need to eat out of a straw. The harassment also included content on social media such as vulgar comments of photos of Female B's children. On multiple occasions Respondent went to Female B's apartment complex and yelled at Female B. Respondent called her names and told her to stay away from her ex-husband and Respondent's children. The conduct of Respondent identified above occurred on June 17, 2020 and August 7, 2020.

8. Respondent was charged as a result of the conduct described in paragraph 7 above with one count of Harassment- Fear of Death or Great Bodily Harm/ Actor Subject to Injunction in violation of Wis. Stat. §§ 947.0134(1m), 947.013(1r), and 939.51(3)(a), one count of disorderly conduct in violation of Wis. Stat. §§ 947.01(1) and 939.51(3)(b) a misdemeanor related to her conduct on June 17, 2020, and one count of disorderly conduct in violation of Wis. Stat. §§ 947.01(1) and 939.51(3)(b) a misdemeanor related to her conduct on August 7, 2020, in Marathon County Circuit Court Case Number 2020CM001453.

9. On August 2, 2021, Respondent was convicted of two counts of Disorderly Conduct, misdemeanors, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 947.01(1) in Marathon County Circuit Court Case No. 2020CM001453. Respondent was sentenced to 30 days jail for each count and required to pay court costs. This sentence ran concurrent with the sentence for the conviction in Marathon County Circuit Court Case No. 2020CM001356.

10. Respondent did not report her convictions to the Section until September 10, 2021.

11. Respondent has a history of alcohol abuse, and states that her disorderly conduct convictions arose from the stress of a contentious divorce that had been ongoing since September 2019 and from her abuse of alcohol.

12. 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 as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(2), by violating a law, the circumstances of which substantially related to the practice under the credential.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Stat. § 440.03(13)(am) and Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(24), by failing to notify the department or appropriate section in writing within 48 hours after the entry of a judgment of conviction.

4. As a result of the above conduct, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(b), (f), and (h).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent's license to practice as a professional counselor in the state of Wisconsin (license number 5483-125) is **SUSPENDED** for (14) fourteen days effective the date of this Order.
3. Within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall, at her own expense, undergo a fitness for practice evaluation with a pre-approved psychiatrist or psychologist (Evaluator) who has not provided treatment to Respondent and is experienced in evaluating whether a health care professional is fit to practice:
 - a. Prior to evaluation, Respondent shall provide a copy of this Final Decision and Order to the Evaluator.
 - b. Respondent shall identify and provide the Evaluator with authorizations to communicate with all physicians, mental health professionals, and facilities at which Respondent has been treated or evaluated.
 - c. Within fifteen (15) days of the completion of the evaluation, a written report regarding the results of the assessment shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below. The report shall address whether Respondent suffers from any condition(s) that may interfere with her ability to practice safely and competently and, if so, shall provide any recommended limitations for safe and competent practice.
 - d. Respondent shall execute necessary documents authorizing the Division to obtain records of the evaluation, and to discuss Respondent and her case with the Evaluator. Respondent shall execute all releases necessary to permit disclosure of the final evaluation report to the Section or its designee. Certified copies of the final evaluation report shall be admissible in any future proceeding before the Section.
 - e. If the Evaluator determines that Respondent is not fit to practice or is fit for practice with limitations, the Section or its designee may suspend Respondent's license until Respondent provides proof sufficient to convince the Section or its designee that Respondent is able to practice with reasonable skill and safety of patients and the public and does not suffer from any condition which prevents Respondent from practicing in that manner.
 - f. The Section or its designee may impose limitations consistent with the evaluator's opinions, including, but not limited to:

- i. Psychotherapy, at Respondent's expense, by a therapist approved by the Section or its designee, to address specific treatment goals, with quarterly reports to the Section by the therapist.
 - ii. Additional professional education in any identified areas of deficiency.
 - iii. Restrictions on the nature of practice, practice setting, or requirements for supervision of practice by a professional approved by the Section, with periodic reports to the Section by the supervisor.
 - g. Respondent is responsible for ensuring that the results of the evaluation are sent to the Department Monitor.
4. Respondent's license to practice as a professional counselor in the state of Wisconsin (license number 5483-125), is further LIMITED as follows:
- a. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall at their own expense, successfully complete four hours of education on the topic of ethics and counselor self-care, offered by a provider pre-approved by the Section monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses.
 - b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Section or Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.
 - c. The Section monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Respondent. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.
 - d. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Section or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all the ordered education.
5. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$1,856.00.
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. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (number 5483-125), or Respondent's right to renew her license, may, in the discretion of the Section or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Section may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

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

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



By:

A Member of the Section

7/18/2023

Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008652

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 CPC 051

Rebeca J. Argiro, L.P.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. Respondent is represented by Attorney Robert Mich, Jr.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Professional Counselor 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 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. Respondent is further informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section'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 the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Rebeca Argiro
Rebeca J. Argiro, L.P.C., Respondent
Weston, WI 54476
License No. 5483-125

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