

CITATION NUMBER: MF-2006-414
DATE OF ISSUANCE: January 27, 2006
NAME: Lisa Anne Larson
ADDRESS: 507 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630

Pursuant to Sections 125.9 and 148 of the Business and Professions Code, and Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1886, PAUL RICHES issues this citation in his official capacity as the Executive Officer for the Board of Behavioral Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the "Board").

Registration/Licensing History

The records of the Board reflect that on **December 21, 2000**, the Board issued license number **MFC 37375** to **Lisa Anne Larson**. Said license expires on **June 30, 2006**, unless renewed.

Citation

A citation is hereby issued to you in accordance with the California Code of Regulations for the violation(s) described below.

Applicable Statutes

Violation of section **4982(m)** of the Business and Professions Code which reads as follows:

"...Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to: ... (m) Failure to maintain confidentiality, except as otherwise required or permitted by law, of all information that has been received from a client in confidence during the course of treatment and all information about the client which is obtained from tests or other means."

Cause for Citation

Investigation revealed that on or about August 26, 2005, you breached the confidentiality of a co-client¹ when you wrote a letter addressed as, "To whom it may concern" without co-client's authorization. Said letter mentioned the co-client by first name. Said letter was written based solely on the authorization of your initial client and presented to her attorney in regards to a custody matter.

Said letter stated, in part, "I have been an individual therapist to [initial client] over the past two years. I have also done couples therapy with [co-client] and [initial client]. I have often conducted therapy sessions with [client's child] present." It goes on to state, in part, "I believe a close relationship with their mother is essential to [client's children] well-being... While [client] and [co-client] have had volatility in their relationship, I do not believe anything inappropriate has occurred between [client] and her daughters."

¹ The Board has previously notified you as to the identity of the co-client. Co-client's full name will be made available to you upon request.

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Board staff contacted you by letter on November 10, 2005, and requested your response to the allegations. On November 29, 2005, you responded, "I wrote a letter for another party at their request. It was an urgent matter requiring immediate response. I hand wrote a hasty letter, and in my rush to accommodate this person, I made an error in judgment by inadvertently mentioning [co-client's] first name without an authorization from [co-client]. While I did not reveal any details about the [co-client] or my therapy with him, I did make the mistake of breaching the confidentiality of [co-client] having a therapeutic relationship with me."

Based on the facts obtained during our investigation, it was substantiated that you breached your co-client's confidentiality causing therapeutic information to become part of a public record document.

Cause exists for the Board to take enforcement action against your license. Accordingly, a citation, which includes a fine, has been ordered for this violation of the Business and Professions Code.

Order

You must pay an administrative penalty (fine) in the amount of **\$750.00**, within thirty (30) days from the date this citation was served, but no later than **February 26, 2006**. Payment of the administrative penalty should be made to the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS), 1625 North Market Boulevard, Suite S200, Sacramento, CA 95834. Please note your citation number on the check or money order.

Pursuant to the enclosed copy of Title 16, CCR section 1886.70, you may appeal this citation, or any portion thereof, by requesting either an Informal Citation Review or a formal Administrative Hearing. A request for an Informal Citation Review Conference shall be deemed a request for a formal Administrative Hearing. Your request for an Informal Citation Review must be in writing and be submitted to the Board within thirty (30) calendar days after service of the citation. The request for a formal Administrative Hearing must also be in writing and be submitted to the Board within thirty (30) calendar days. (Please refer to the enclosed Instructions to Cited Person for additional appeal information.)

You may withdraw a Request for Informal Citation Review Conference at any time prior to the date of the conference. You may withdraw a Request for Administrative Hearing anytime prior to the date of the hearing.

Failure to request an Informal Citation Review or Administrative Hearing in a timely manner will waive your right to contest this citation. If you do not request a review, payment of the fine does not constitute an admission of the violation alleged.

If you neither pay the fine nor request a review within the allotted time frame, your registration/license will not be renewed until the fine is paid.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS CITATION MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST YOUR REGISTRATION.



PAUL RICHES
Executive Officer

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- Attachments: Statement of Rights
Section 125.9, Business and Professions Code
Section 1886.70, Title 16, California Code of Regulations
Notice of Appeal
Acknowledgment Receipt of Citation form