

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of) Ronald J. Lavit, Ph.D.) Holder of License No. 191) for the Practice of Psychology) in the State of Arizona)	Case No. 06-30 CONSENT AGREEMENT, FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER FOR DECREE OF CENSURE AND CIVIL PENALTY
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On October 6, 2006, the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners ("Board") discussed Case No. 06-30 regarding Ronald J. Lavit, Ph.D. ("Licensee"). Dr. Lavit was not present at the proceedings, but his attorney, Kent Turley, made a presentation to the Board. After reviewing the information presented, the Board voted to offer Licensee this Consent Agreement for Decree of Censure and Civil Penalty.

JURISDICTION

1. The Board is authorized to regulate the practice of psychology in Arizona pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061, et seq.
2. Licensee is the holder of license number 191 for the practice of psychology in Arizona.
3. The Board has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over Licensee pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061, et seq.

RECITALS

4. The Board and Licensee enter into this Consent Agreement in order to promptly and judiciously resolve this matter, consistent with the public interest and the statutory requirements of the Board.
5. The Board will adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order set forth below.
6. Licensee has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Consent Agreement. Licensee has read and understands the Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact, Conclusions

1 of Law, and Order, and makes this agreement freely and voluntarily. He irrevocably waives his right to
2 an informal interview, a hearing, rehearing, or judicial review.

3 7. This Consent Agreement will be effective when approved by the Board and signed by
4 the Board's Executive Director. This Consent Agreement is a public record.

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6 **STATE OF ARIZONA BOARD OF
7 PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS**

8 Ronald J. Lavit, Ph.D.

9 BY: Maxine McCarthy

Ronald J. Lavit, Ph.D.

Maxine McCarthy
Executive Director

10 10/19/06

11 October 24, 2006

12 Date

Date

13 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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15 8. On September 27, 2005, Licensee was appointed by the Court to conduct a
16 psychological evaluation of J.B. who was involved in a custody proceeding.

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18 9. Licensee submitted his interim psychological evaluation report to the Court on
19 December 2, 2005, and his addendum report on January 24, 2006.

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21 10. On August 1, 2006, Complainant, J.B., submitted his Request for Investigation to the
22 Board.

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24 11. On August 3, 2006, the Board notified Licensee of the pending investigation and
25 requested that Licensee submit a written response by August 18, 2006. The Board also sent Licensee a
26 Subpoena Duces Tecum on August 3, 2006. The Subpoena requested that Licensee provide to the
27 Board all records regarding J.B., including all handwritten session notes, and a typewritten verbatim
28 copy of the session notes. The return date on the Subpoena was August 18, 2006.

12. On August 11, 2006, Licensee requested an extension of time until September 11, 2006,
to respond to the Board's requests for a written response and records.

13. On August 14, 2006, the Board notified Licensee that he had been granted an extension
to September 8, 2006.

1 Dated this 24th day of October, 2006

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3 STATE OF ARIZONA BOARD OF
4 PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS

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12 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
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19 24th day of October, 2006, to:
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21 Address of Record

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