

**Before the West Virginia Board of Examiners of Psychologists**

**West Virginia Board of  
Examiners of Psychologists,**

**Complainant,**

**v.**

**Case No. 2013-8**

**Allan L. LaVoie, Ph.D.**

**Respondent.**

**Order Revoking Respondent's License to Practice Psychology**

Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-1-8(e)(2) and W. Va. Code § 30-21-10, the West Virginia Board of Examiners of Psychologists ("Board") revokes the license of Respondent Allan L. LaVoie, Ph.D. This action is being taken based upon the following:

1. The Board is a state entity created for the purpose of regulating the practice of psychology. W. Va. Code § 30-21-1 *et seq.*
2. Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-21-10, the Board may revoke a license or take other disciplinary action for violation of applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
3. Respondent was a licensed psychologist in West Virginia at the time of the events alleged in the Complaint. His license number is 455 and was effective beginning July 1, 1988.
4. The Respondent's license became inactive on March 2, 2013. Because Respondent's actions alleged in the Complaint occurred during the time his license was active, the Board has jurisdiction to investigate and seek disciplinary action.
5. After receiving the Complaint, the Board made numerous attempts to reach the Respondent and provide him with a copy thereof in an effort to give the Respondent the opportunity to respond pursuant to W. Va. C.S.R. § 17-4-5.7.

6. Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-1-8(e)2 the Board may suspend the license of the Respondent without holding a hearing if the Board, after due diligence, cannot locate the Respondent within sixty (60) days of the Complaint being filed against him. The Board took such action on October 17, 2014. (See attached Suspension Order).

7. The Suspension Order was sent via certified mail to all addresses know to the Board.

8. Pursuant W. Va. Code § 30-21-11, the Respondent was given the opportunity to request a hearing concerning the suspension of his license.

9. However, the Respondent failed to contact the Board within thirty (30) days of the entry of the Suspension Order.

10. Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-1-8(e)2 the Board has the authority to revoke the Respondent's license without a hearing, if, after due diligence, the Board still cannot locate the person.

11. The Board has satisfied the requirement of due diligence for the second time in this matter.

12. On February 6, 2015, the Board met and determined that the Respondent's license should be revoked pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-1-8(e)2.

### **Order**

Upon the entry of this Order, the Respondent's license to practice psychology is hereby **REVOKED** pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-1-8(e)(2). The Respondent is directed to surrender his license to practice psychology to the Board within twenty (20) days after receipt of this Order. The Respondent is responsible for all costs, including reasonable attorney fees expended in this case.

Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-21-11, Respondent may request a hearing in this matter if, within twenty (20) days after receipt of this Order, the Respondent files with the Board a written demand for such hearing.

This Order will be mailed, via certified mail, to Respondent at all addresses known to the Board.

Entered this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015



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