

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

**W. Va. Board of Examiners of  
Psychologists,**

**Complainant,**

**v.**

**Case No.: 2024-10**

**Tyler Kreitzer, MA,**

**Respondent**

**Consent Agreement and Order**

Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 30-21-6, the West Virginia Board of Examiners of Psychologists (“Board”) began an investigation concerning Respondent Tyler Kreitzer, MA, and possible violation of West Virginia Code R. § 17-6-5 (Multiple Relationships). The Respondent was provided with written notice of the allegations against him pursuant to the rules of the Board and the laws of this State. The parties have reached an agreement as to the appropriate disposition of this matter, with consideration to necessary safeguards for protection of the public, and do hereby agree to the following:

**Findings and Conclusions**

1. The Board is a state entity created by West Virginia Code § 30-21-1 *et seq.*, and it is empowered to regulate the practice of psychology in West Virginia.
2. To carry out its regulatory duties, the Board has the authority to take disciplinary action against an individual’s psychology license if the individual has engaged in unprofessional or unethical behavior in violation of application statutes, rules, or codes of conduct. (See W. Va. Code § 30-21-6); (See W. Va. Code § 30-21-10); (See W. Va. Code R. § 17-4-4).
3. In West Virginia, psychologists, supervised psychologists, and supervised student psychologists are governed by a Code of Conduct that is set forth in West Virginia Code R. § 17-6-1 *et seq.* (See W. Va. Code R. § 17-3-6).

4. A violation of this Code of Conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct and is sufficient reason for disciplinary action. (See W. Va. Code R. § 17-6-2.4)

5. A supervised student psychologist shall be responsible for his/her own professional decisions and professional actions. (See W. Va. Code R. § 17-6-2.3).

6. According to the Code of Conduct, supervised student psychologists are prohibited from crossing professional boundaries with a client or engaging in multiple or dual relationships with clients. (See W. Va. Code R. § 17-6-5).

7. Supervised student psychologists are expressly prohibited from engaging in a multiple or dual relationship that would reasonably be expected to impair a psychologist's judgment or objectivity or risk harm to the client. (See W. Va. Code R. § 17-6-5.1.b).

8. Supervised student psychologists are expressly prohibited from engaging in sexual conduct with current clients. (See W. Va. Code R. § 17-6-5.2.a).

9. A supervised student psychologist is expressly prohibited from engaging in sexual conduct with former clients to whom he or she provided a psychological service at any time within the previous 24 months. (See W. Va. Code R. § 17-6-5.2.e).

10. On or about May 31, 2024, and in accordance with the West Virginia Code § 17-3-8 *et seq.*, and West Virginia Code § 17-3-9 *et seq.*, Respondent was approved by the Board to be recognized as a supervised psychologist. He was issued a card identifying him as a supervised psychologist in good standing with the Board.

11. Prior to this time Respondent was pursuing a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology at West Liberty University.

12. As part of his Master of Arts curriculum, Respondent participated in a clinical internship program and he was assigned to Orchard Park Hospital in Wheeling, West Virginia, during Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024. In accordance with applicable statutes and

regulations, the Board issued the Respondent a student gold card that allowed him to provide clinical psychological services under the supervision of a licensed clinical psychologist during his internship.

13. Respondent, as a supervised Master of Arts student clinical psychologist in West Virginia, was subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the Board and all applicable Board statutes, rules, and codes of conduct.

14. The Board investigated a written complaint it received from Respondent's supervising psychologist concerning Respondent and a former therapeutic client that may have violated W. Va. Code R. § 17-6-5 (Multiple Relationships).

15. Respondent admits that while participating in a clinical internship program as part of his Master of Arts curriculum, he engaged in a sexual relationship with a former client to whom he had provided supervised psychological services within the previous 24 months of the sexual relationship. (See W. Va. Code R. § 17-6-5.2.e, *Code of Conduct*).

16. The Board alleges that its review of documents and records in this matter shows Respondent engaged in conduct, practices, or acts constituting a willful departure from accepted professional standards and violated applicable codes of conduct.

17. The Board and Respondent desire to resolve this disputed claim using this negotiated Consent Agreement and Order as follows:

#### **Conclusions of Law**

1. The Board has jurisdiction to take disciplinary action against Respondent.
2. The Board is empowered to suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline an individual's psychology license. See W. Va. Code § 30-21-10.

3. The Board may take disciplinary action against a psychologist, up to and including revocation of license, upon satisfactory proof that the psychologist, in his or her professional capacity, engages in conduct, practices or acts constituting professional negligence or a willful departure from accepted standards of professional conduct in violation of W. Va. Code § 30-21-1 *et seq.* or the rules of the Board.

4. Based on the allegations of unprofessional or unethical conduct set out above in the Findings of Fact, Respondent has failed to comply with applicable law and/or regulation concerning licensed psychologists in West Virginia, which are grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-1-8, W. Va. Code § 30-21-10, and applicable Board rules and codes of conduct.

#### **Consent of Licensee**

The Respondent, by affixing his signature hereto, acknowledges the following.

1. Respondent has been given the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and executes this negotiated Consent Agreement and Order voluntarily, freely, without compulsion or duress and is mindful that it has legal consequences.

2. No person or entity has made any promise or given any inducement whatsoever to encourage the Respondent to make this settlement other than as set forth herein.

3. Respondent acknowledges that he is aware she may pursue this matter through appropriate administrative and/or court proceedings, and is aware of his legal rights regarding this matter, but intelligently and voluntarily waives such rights.

4. Respondent expressly acknowledges that the entire agreement is contained in this Consent Agreement and Order and no representations, promises, or inducements have been made by or to Respondent other than as appear in this Consent Agreement and Order.

5. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and Order is a public document available for inspection by the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act (W. Va. Code § 29B-1 *et seq.*), and may be reported to other governmental agencies, professional boards or other organizations.

6. Respondent waives any defenses including, but not limited to, laches, statute of limitations, waiver and estoppel that he may have otherwise claimed as a condition of this Consent Agreement and Order.

7. Respondent consents to the entry of the following Order affecting his conduct as a supervised licensed psychologist in the State of West Virginia.

### **Order**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Board, and based on the consent of Respondent, the West Virginia Board of Examiners of Psychologists hereby **ORDERS** the following:

1. Beginning on the date of execution of this Consent Agreement and Order, Respondent's license to practice psychology in West Virginia shall be placed on probation for the remaining period of his five (5) year supervised practice.

2. During the first year of his probation, Respondent shall not provide treatment or services to female clients.

3. During this period of probation, and at his own expense, Respondent may only provided psychological services under the supervision of a Board-approved licensed psychologist who shall submit quarterly reports to the Board summarizing Respondent's performance and compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, and codes of conduct.

4. During each year of his remaining period of supervised practice, Respondent shall, at his own expense, enroll in and successfully complete Board-approved five (5) hours of continuing education in the ethical practice of psychology with an emphasis on dual relationships and not crossing professionally boundaries with clients. The respondent shall submit a written verification to the Board of his enrollment and shall submit proof of having successfully completed the continuing education.

5. During the first year of probation, the Respondent shall, at his own expense, shall participate in individual psychotherapy with a Board-approved licensed psychologist. Therapy sessions shall occur every two weeks for at least a year. Thereafter, the need for further therapy sessions shall be determined by the treating psychologist.

6. Prior to the end of his supervised practice, the Respondent shall meet with the Board, in-person or video conference, to confirm that he has met all the requirements of the Consent Agreement and Order. If the Board concludes that Respondent has met all the requirements of the Consent Agreement and Order, the Board shall terminate the Respondent's probationary period.

7. The Respondent shall, always, cooperate with the Board, and any of its agents or employees, in monitoring or investigation of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and Order.

8. Respondent's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and Order hereby imposed shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Agreement and Order, and should Respondent violate any of the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, the Board may immediately take disciplinary action against the Respondent, up to and including suspension of license. In the event Respondent contests any such allegations of violation of the Consent Agreement and Order, if any, which result in the discipline of Respondent's license, he

may request a hearing to seek reinstatement of license. Any such hearing shall be scheduled and conducted in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code § 30-1-8 and § 30-21-1 *et seq.*

Entered this 25 of July, 2025.

**W. Va. Board of Examiners of Psychologists**

Sandra S. Stroebel PhD  
**Board President**

**Inspected and agreed to by:**

Tyler Kreitzer  
**Tyler Kreitzer**  
**Respondent**

7/11/25  
**Date**

Brenda J. Hart Steiner, MS  
**Respondent's Legal Counsel or**  
**Witness**

7-11-25  
**Date**