

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Board Action
July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

During the fiscal year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, the following action was taken or confirmed by the North Carolina Psychology Board pursuant to G.S. § 90-270.15 and G.S. § 90-270.16:

Cusumano, Judy A., Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on March 31, 2004. Dr. Cusumano admitted that the described conduct constitutes violations of G.S. § 90-270.15(a)(10) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standard 4.07(a) of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association, 1992), and Standard 10.08(a) of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association, 2002). Dr. Cusumano's license was REVOKED and she was assessed \$300.00 in costs.

Eshbach, Brenda, M.A. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on October 2, 2003. Ms. Eshbach admitted that her conduct constituted violations of G.S. § 90-270.15(a)(7), 21 NCAC 54 .2002(b)(6), and 21 NCAC 54 .2008(h)(1). Ms. Eshbach's license was REPRIMANDED; the period of time during which she did not receive adequate supervision will not count toward the time required for reduced supervision; and she was assessed \$300.00 in costs.

Ferguson, Cathy J., M.A. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on March 31, 2004. Ms. Ferguson admitted that the described conduct constitutes violations of G.S. §§ 90-270.15(a)(5) & (a)(7), § 90-270.5(e) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 NCAC. 54 .2008(a) & (h). Ms. Ferguson's license was REPRIMANDED; she was placed under additional supervision requirements; and she was assessed \$300.00 in costs.

Gillman, Thomas E., M.S. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on April 2, 2004. Mr. Gillman admitted that the described conduct might constitute violations of the provisions of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standard 5.02 of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association, 1992) and Standard 4.01 of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association, 2002). Mr. Gillman was given specific directives with regard to protecting the confidential nature of the services he provides to his patients/clients and for conducting psychological evaluations or providing other psychological services. He was assessed \$300.00 in costs.

Griffin, James B., Ed.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on June 10, 2004. Dr. Griffin admitted that the described conduct could constitute violations of the G.S. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10), (a)(14), and (a)(15) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standards 1.05, 1.06, 2.01(b), 7.02(a), and 7.02(c) of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of*

Conduct (American Psychological Association, 1992). Dr. Griffin voluntarily agreed and was ordered to complete tutorials, and was assessed \$300.00 in costs. The action taken by the Board in this CONSENT ORDER constitutes remedial action.

Jackson, Mack Douglas, Ph.D. - FINAL DECISION was issued on January 13, 2004. Dr. Jackson was found to have violated the terms of the June 5, 2003 Final Decision by not submitting a required affidavit. Dr. Jackson's license was immediately SUSPENDED and will remain suspended for a period of no less than six months following his submission of a required affidavit. Contingent upon the approval of the Board for Dr. Jackson to resume the practice of psychology following his completion of a fitness for practice evaluation, Dr. Jackson is placed on probation for a period of a minimum of three years for at least 4500 hours of practice. Upon his return to practice he must comply with ordered conditions and limitations. He was assessed \$300.00 in costs. This Order section of this Final Decision supersedes the Order section of the June 5, 2003 Final Decision.

Johnson, Terri, M.A. - FINAL DECISION was issued on November 21, 2003. Ms. Johnson was found to have violated the terms of the April 4, 2003 CONSENT ORDER by not remitting the assessed costs of \$300.00 within 90 days of receipt of the executed copy of the CONSENT ORDER. No additional action, other than the Board action and conditions set forth in the April 4, 2003 CONSENT ORDER, was ordered.

Martin, Holly P., Ph.D. - FINAL DECISION became effective March 31, 2004. The Board determined that Dr. Martin was eligible to sit for the State Examination. Upon passing such, she may practice psychology with limitations on her ability to practice psychology in North Carolina.

Miller, John E., Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on October 2, 2003. The cause came on before the Board pursuant to an application for licensure filed by Dr. Miller with the Board. Dr. Miller agreed to file a notice of voluntary dismissal with prejudice in Wake County Superior Court of his July 20, 1999 Petition for Judicial Review of the Board's July 10, 1999 Final Decision on Remand which affirmed revocation of Dr. Miller's license to practice psychology. Dr. Miller's February 2, 1996 application for licensure was approved; he was issued a new license number, and that license was ACTIVELY SUSPENDED and considered noncurrent until certain conditions are met. Once all conditions are met, the active suspension will be lifted, and Dr. Miller will remain on probation for a period of no less than two years consisting of 3000 practice hours, during which time, he must comply with certain conditions regarding his practice.

Smith, Melody D., M.Ed. - FINAL DECISION was issued on March 5, 2004. Ms. Smith's conduct was found to be in violation of G.S. §§ 90-270.5(e), 90-270.15(a)(7), 90-270.15(a)(22); and Rules .2002(b), .2006(e), .2008(e), and .2008(h) of Title 21, Chapter 54 of the NC Administrative Code. Ms. Smith's license was REVOKED; she was ordered to terminate services to all of her patients/clients and make provisions for the appropriate transition of her patients/clients to another therapist, as appropriate, no later than two weeks from her receipt of

the Final Decision. Further, Ms. Smith was ordered to cease to engage in any other activities that meet the definition of the practice of psychology in G.S. § 90-270.2(8) and to pay costs in the amount of \$300.00.

Strag, Gerald A., Ed.D. - FINAL DECISION was issued on May 24, 2004. Dr. Strag's conduct was found to be in violation of G.S. §§ 90-270.15(a)(14) and 90-270.15(a)(10); and Standards 2.02(a) and 7.02(a) of the *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* (American Psychological Association, 1992). The action taken by the Board in this FINAL DECISION constitutes remedial action and places a restriction on Dr. Strag's license with regard to supervision.