

State of New Hampshire
Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

In the Matter of:
Jay S. Bernier, LADC
License No. 857
(Misconduct Allegations)

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDER OF LICENSE

Recognizing that professional misconduct allegations are now pending against me before the New Hampshire Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals ("Board"), I, Jay S. Bernier, LADC hereby voluntarily and permanently surrender my New Hampshire LADC license (No. 857) effective immediately.

By voluntarily permanently surrendering my license, I understand that:

1. I relinquish all rights and privileges to practice as a LADC in the State of New Hampshire.
2. I admit that this voluntary permanent surrender of license has occurred following the Board's issuance of an Emergency Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing on November 24, 2015, and in settlement of allegations that I had engaged in a sexual relationship with a client or former client.
3. I admit that on April 4, 2016, I entered a guilty plea to the charge of simple assault. As part of the sentence, I was indefinitely prohibited from practicing as a LADC effective immediately.
4. I understand that this document constitutes a voluntary *permanent* surrender of my license, and as such, I will not be eligible to become licensed again by the Board.
5. While I submit that I will not again seek licensure by this Board, I understand that in the event that I ever do submit a licensure application, the Board may deny such application

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solely on the basis of this voluntary permanent surrender of license. In the event that the Board does not deny such application on that basis, I understand that the above pending misconduct allegations shall be resolved in any such future licensure application process before the Board, and that I hereby specifically waive any statute of limitations or laches defense, which might then be available as to the above pending misconduct allegations.

6. I understand that upon the Board's acceptance of this voluntary permanent surrender of license, this document shall be distributed as disciplinary action to all relevant licensing authorities and professional societies in the same manner as a final decision making a specific finding of professional misconduct. I further understand that this document shall become a permanent part of my file, and will be maintained by the Board as a public document.
7. I voluntarily submit this surrender of license to the Board and state that no promises or representations have been made to me other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.
8. I confirm that I have read and understand this voluntary permanent surrender of license and that I was not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time that I read and signed it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature on this 15 day of June, 2016.

Date: 6/15/2016

Jay S. Bernier
Jay S. Bernier, LADC
Respondent

Date: 6-15-14

Wendy I. Bernier
Witness Wendy I. Bernier

FOR THE BOARD/*

This proceeding is hereby terminated in accordance with the binding terms and conditions set forth above.

Date: July 20, 2016

Carole A. Richardson
(Signature)

Carole A. Richardson
(Print or Type Name)

Authorized Representative of the
NH Board of Licensing for Alcohol and
Other Drug Use Professionals

/* Board members, recused:

