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NC SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

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December 12, 2017

Ms. Sara Caudill
913 I Street
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Re: EC-438-17; ADMONITION

Dear Ms. Caudill:

The North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board ("the Board"), acting through its Ethics Subcommittee, has reviewed Ethics Complaint EC-438-17 ("the Complaint"); your undated "To Whom It May Concern" response; and other materials generated in connection with the Board's investigation of the Complaint.

It is clear to the Board that you acted beyond the scope of your competence when you provided a mental health diagnosis based upon the DSM-5; and that you made the diagnosis in circumstances where you knew that it would be used and might be determinative to the District Court in a child custody determination. Your actions could have caused serious public harm, if, in fact, your diagnosis was material to the District Court's custody determination.

Your actions with respect to the Roten assessment, and other actions associated with the underlying domestic case, are grounds for disciplinary action up to and including revocation of your license.

It is also clear to the Board that your use of the "MS SA" designation could be confusing to the public; and might also be grounds for disciplinary action, again up to and including revocation of your license.

The Board is encouraged that you acknowledged your fault, and are to complete a corrective action plan developed with your supervisor.

Considering all of the foregoing, the Board, in its discretion, ADMONISHES you for the actions described in the Complaint.

The Board hopes that you will be mindful in the future of your ethical obligations to the Board and the public at large.

Finally, although the Board is not taking action other than Admonishment with respect to the Complaint, you should note that further substantiated violations of the type described in the Complaint would almost certainly result in formal disciplinary action against you.

Very truly yours,

NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE
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Mark Crabtree, MHR, LCAS, CCS
Ethics Chairperson