

**BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE BOARD**

THE NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE)	
ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE)	
BOARD,)	
Petitioner)	
)	
v.)	CONSENT ORDER -
)	CENSURE
MICHAEL EDWARDS,)	EC No. 509-18
Respondent)	
CSAC No. 2712)	

THIS MATTER is before the Ethics Committee ("the Committee") of the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board ("the Board"), pursuant to Chapter 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes; 21 N.C.A.C. 68.0600, and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113-44, and with the consent of Michael Edwards ("Respondent"), Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC No. 2712), for entry of a Consent Order ("the Order") to resolve issues raised in Ethics Complaint No. 509-18 ("the Complaint").

Resolution under the terms of this Order is accepted by both the Board and Respondent in lieu of an administrative hearing on the issues raised by the Complaint.

Based upon the record herein and with the consent of Respondent, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 11, 2011, Respondent Michael Edwards was certified as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC No. 2712).
2. On November 11, 2017, Respondent was arrested for apparently driving under the influence; submitted to a Breathalyzer examination, and blew a 0.20. Respondent has been charged with driving under the influence; however, as of the date of this Consent Order, has not been convicted of that charge.
3. For purposes of this Consent Order only, Respondent admits that he drove under the influence of alcohol on November 11, 2017.
4. On October 9, 2018, Respondent submitted to a Comprehensive Clinical Assessment, including a 10 panel urine drug test. The Assessor concluded that there was insufficient information to warrant a substance abuse disorder diagnosis, but recommended that Respondent participate in a 12 hour DWI class at a location of his choosing.

5. The facts alleged in the Complaint, if proven, would subject Respondent to discipline, up to and including permanent revocation of his certification as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, THE BOARD CONCLUDES AS A MATTER OF LAW:

1. The North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 90, Article 5C of the North Carolina General Statutes (the "North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Act") and the corresponding Rules at 21 North Carolina Administrative Code ("NCAC"), Chapter 68.

2. Respondent was, at the time the Ethics Complaint was made, a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC No. 2712), and is subject to the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Act and the rules promulgated thereunder. The Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.

3. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 68.0601, and other provisions of the 21NCAC 68.0101 *et seq.*, the facts to which Respondent has admitted, solely for the purposes of this Consent Order, constitute grounds to discipline Respondent under N.C.G.S. § 90-113.44.

4. The appropriate discipline to impose, on the facts admitted by Respondent solely for the purposes of this Consent Order, is CENSURE, with conditions.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

ORDER

1. Respondent is hereby CENSURED for driving, on November 11, 2017, while under the influence of alcohol.

2. Respondent shall comply with the recommendations in the Comprehensive Clinical Assessment; and if convicted of driving under the influence, shall comply with any recommendations of the DWI assessor.

3. Respondent shall provide his supervisor, within ten (10) days of entry of this Consent Order, with a copy of this Consent Order, and a copy of the Comprehensive Clinical Assessment; and ask his supervisor to provide the Board, during the one (1) year following entry of this Consent Order with quarterly reports concerning Respondent, and specifically concerning Respondent's compliance with both the recommendations in the Comprehensive Clinical Assessment, and any recommendations of a DWI assessor made in connection with disposition of the pending DWI charge.

Respondent's supervisor's quarterly reports shall be sent to Barden Culbreth, Executive Director; NCSAPPB, 1046 Washington Street, Raleigh, NC 27605; Email: Barden@recanc.com.

4. This Order is effective upon the date executed by the Board.

This the 13th day of December, 2018.

North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional
Practice Board

BY: Dale Willett

NAME: Dale Willett

TITLE: Ethics Chair

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Michael Edwards, do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety and that I do freely and voluntarily accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order provided for therein.

This the 16th day of November, 2018.

Michael Edwards
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