

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST)
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD,)
Petitioner)
v.)
KEANA SCOTT,)
Respondent)

CONSENT ORDER -
CENSURE
EC-586-19

THIS MATTER is before a Panel of the Ethics Committee ("the Panel") of the North Carolina Addictions Specialist 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; with the consent of Respondent Keana Scott ("Scott"), in lieu of a formal hearing on issues raised in that ethics complaint filed, against her, dated October 15, 2019 (EC No. 586-19).

The Board, with the consent of Scott, makes the following **FINDINGS OF FACT**:

1. Petitioner North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board ("the Board"), was established by G.S. 90-113.32, and is recognized as the registering, certifying, and licensing authority for substance abuse professionals described in the Practice Act. The Board was established to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare, to protect the public from being harmed by unqualified persons, to assure the highest degree of professional care and conduct on the part of credentialed substance abuse professionals, to provide for the establishment of standards for the education of credentialed substance abuse professionals, and to ensure the availability of credentialed substance abuse professionals of high quality to persons in need of these services. The Board, under authority granted by the Practice Act regulates Board-credentialed persons offering substance abuse counseling services, substance abuse prevention services, or any other substance abuse services for which the Board may grant registration, certification or licensure. The Board was, until January 1, 2020, known as the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board.

2. In December of 2018, Respondent Keana Scott applied for certification as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor ("CSAC"); attested to the ethical rules binding on applicants, and entered into a supervision contract. [Effective January 1, 2020, the title "Certified Substance Abuse Counselor" was changed to "Certified Alcohol And Drug Counselor" ("CADC")]. Scott is identified by the Board as CADC-25450 and CADC-25507.

3. On October 15, 2019, the Board received an Ethics Complaint ("the Complaint") alleging, among other things, that Respondent had engaged in a dual relationship with a client.

4. Scott acknowledges that she engaged in a dual relationship with a client, which could impair professional judgment or increase the risk of exploitation of a client, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0509(b).

5. Scott's conduct is grounds for discipline under 21 NCAC 68 .0601 (4).

6. Pursuant to the provisions of the 21 NCAC 68 .0101 *et seq.*, and the provisions of the General Statutes cited above, grounds exist to discipline Scott relating to the facts and circumstances set forth above.

7. Scott and the Board agree that the appropriate discipline to impose, with respect to the actions admitted above is CENSURE, and additional Continuing Education.

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

1. The Board has the power and authority to impose discipline on Scott, and the resolution contained herein is an appropriate resolution of this case.

2. Each party should bear its own costs incurred in connection with the Board's investigation.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT and CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, and with the consent of the parties, pursuant to the authority set forth in N.C.G.S. § 90-113.33, *et seq.*, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

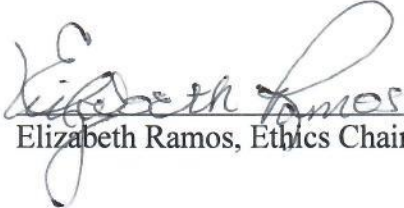
1. Scott is hereby CENSURED for engaging in dual relationship with a client, which could impair professional judgment or increase the risk of exploitation of a client, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0509(b).

2. Scott shall complete, within ninety (90) days of entry of this Consent Order, nine (9) hours of Continuing Education in Ethics, focused on boundary issues, pre-approved by the Board, and which cannot be used for any other purpose. Pre-approval shall be sought from Barden Culbreth, Executive Director of the Board. Failure to complete the Continuing Education required shall be grounds for discipline at the discretion of the Board.

3. Each party shall bear their own costs with respect to this matter.

This the 22nd day of June, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

By: 
Elizabeth Ramos, Ethics Chair

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Keana Scott, do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety, that I have consulted with counsel concerning the contents and effect of the same (or have had the opportunity to consult with counsel and have not done so), and that I voluntarily accept that there is a factual basis for the findings of fact set forth herein; and that those findings of fact are legally sufficient to support the findings, conclusions and discipline provided for therein, and that I assent to the terms of the Consent Order. I further express my understanding that the contents of this Consent Order shall become a part of my record with the Board, and are a public record under North Carolina law.

This the 13 day of June, 2020.


Keana Scott