

**BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE BOARD**

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS)
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE))
BOARD,)
 Petitioner)
)
v.)
)
AMANDA LOU PARAMORE,)
 Respondent)
LCAS-A No. 24710)

ORDER

EC No. 598-19 and 607-20

THIS CAUSE came on before the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board (“the Board”) on July 17, 2020, on the Notice of Hearing dated June 3, 2020, as supplemented by that letter dated July 1, 2020. The Court, having heard the evidence and having reviewed the record, 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.
2. On January 16, 2019, the Board bestowed, on Respondent Amanda Lou Paramore, the title of Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist – Associate (LCAS-A No. 24710).
3. On December 4, 2019, the Board received an Ethics Complaint (“the Complaint”) against Respondent (EC File No. 598-19).
4. On January 6, 2020, the Board and Respondent agreed to resolve EC File No. 598-19 by dismissal upon Respondent’s completion, within ninety (90) days, of nine (9) hours of Board approved Ethics training.
5. Respondent has failed to comply with her obligations under the January 6, 2020 agreement, although the time for response has passed.

6. On March 10, 2020, the Board received a separate Ethics Complaint (EC File No. 607-20) against Respondent. In that Ethics Complaint, the Complainant asserted that Respondent was having a sexual relationship with a client (“Client X”); that when law enforcement arrested Client X, they look through his phone and saw several text messages of a sexual nature from Respondent; that Client X reported that he was having a sexual relationship with Respondent and that he was in love with her; and that Client X had been staying at Respondent’s home because he would be safe there.

7. On March 10, 2020, the Board demanded that Respondent respond to EC File No. 607-20; within thirty (30) days. Unfortunately, Respondent failed to respond at all.

8. On March 26, 2020, counsel for the Board sent a “last chance” letter to Respondent, demanding that Respondent respond to EC File No. 607-20, by June 12, 2020; however, Respondent refused to sign for the Overnight Mail envelope containing the letter.

9. On March 29, 2020, counsel for the Board sent a second “last chance” letter to Respondent, to a possible address by skip trace, demanding that Respondent respond to EC File No. 607-20, by June 12, 2020; however, Respondent refused to sign for the Overnight Mail envelope containing the letter.

10. Respondent has made no response to EC File No. 607-20.

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

1. Respondent 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.

2. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 68. 0601 and other provisions of the 21 NCAC 68 .0101 *et seq.*, grounds exist to discipline Respondent relating to the facts and circumstances set forth above, up to and including permanent revocation of Respondent's license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist - Associate.

3. The appropriate discipline to impose, with respect to the actions alleged above, is permanent revocation of Respondent’s license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist – Associate.

4. The Board is only imposing discipline relating to Respondent's failure to comply with the agreement reached with respect to EC File No. 598-19, and her failure to respond to EC File No. 607-20; and not with respect to the facts and circumstances set forth in EC File No. 607-20, which may be the subject of a separate proceeding when, and if, Respondent deigns to participate in the investigation of this matter.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED
as follows:

1. Respondent's license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist – Associate (LCAS-A No. 24710), is permanently revoked.
2. This Order is effective upon execution by the President of the Board.

NOTICE

To obtain judicial review of this Order, the entity or individual seeking review must file a petition within thirty (30) days after service of a written copy thereof, with the Clerk of Superior Court of the County where the entity is headquartered or the individual resides.

This the 27 day of July, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

By:

Flo Stein
Flo Stein, Chair