

BEFORE THE SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE  
AND FAMILY THERAPIST, AND MENTAL  
HEALTH COUNSELOR BOARD OF INDIANA  
CAUSE NO. 2006 BHSB 0023

STATE OF INDIANA,

Petitioner,

v.

LEANN RUTH MARTENS, M.H.C.  
LICENSE NUMBER: 39001192,

Respondent.



**COMPLAINT**

The State of Indiana, by counsel, Deputy Attorney General, Shelley M. Johnson, on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General ("Petitioner"), and pursuant to Indiana Code § 25-1-7-7, Ind. Code §25-1-5-3, Ind. Code § 25-23.6-2-8 and Ind. Code § 25-23.6-2-11, the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3 et seq. and Ind. Code § 25-1-9-1 et. seq. files its Complaint against the Mental Health Counselor's license of Leann Ruth Martens, M.H.C. ("Respondent"), and in support alleges and states:

**COUNT I**

1. Respondent's address on file with the Board is 4116 South Landess Street, Marion, IN 46953 and she is a duly licensed Mental Health Counselor in the State of Indiana having been issued license number 39001192.

2. On or about March, 10, 2005, Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 15, Wabash, Indiana circulated a handbill mailing which listed the Respondent as a "Nationally Certified Psychologist," as well as a licensed Mental Health Counselor.

**Exhibit "A"**

3. Respondent claimed she received this certification from the North American Association of Masters in Psychology, ("NAMP") in a response to the Office of the Indiana Attorney General.

4. The NAMP designation of "Nationally Certified Psychologist" is not recognized in the State of Indiana.

5. Ind. Code § 25-33-1-14 (c) states: "It is unlawful for an individual to (1) claim that the individual is a psychologist; or (2) use the title which uses the word "psychologist", "clinical psychologist", "Indiana endorsed school psychologist", or "psychometrist", or any variant of these words, such as "psychology" or "psychological" or "psychologic" unless the individual holds a valid license issued under this article or a valid endorsement under IC 20-28-12."

### COUNT I

1. The conduct described above constitutes a violation of Indiana Code 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(B) in that the practitioner has continued to practice although the practitioner has become unfit to practice due to failure to keep abreast of current professional theory or practice, to wit: Indiana Code § 25-23.6-11-1(a) Except for an individual who is licensed under IC 25-22.5, licensed under IC 25-33, is an advanced practice nurse (as defined by IC 25-23-1-1(b)), or licensed under this article, and who uses the terms within the scope of the individual's education, training, and licensure, an individual may not knowingly describe services the individual performs using the following terms:

(A) "Psychotherapy".

(B) "Clinical psychology".

(b) An individual who violates this section commits a Class A misdemeanor.

**COUNT II**

2. The conduct described above constitutes a violation of Indiana Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(1)(C) in that the Respondent advertised her services in a false or misleading manner.

**COUNT III**

3. The conduct described above constitutes a violation of Indiana Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(A) in that the Respondent has continued to practice although the practitioner has become unfit to practice due to professional incompetence that may include the undertaking of professional activities that the practitioner is not qualified by training or experience to undertake.

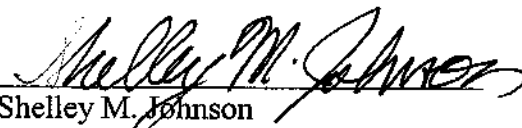
**WHEREFORE**, Petitioner demands an order against Respondent, Leann Ruth Martens, M.H.C. that:

1. Imposes the appropriate disciplinary sanction;
2. Directs Respondent to immediately pay all costs incurred in the prosecution of this case;
3. Provides any other relief the Board deems just and proper

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Carter,  
Attorney General of Indiana

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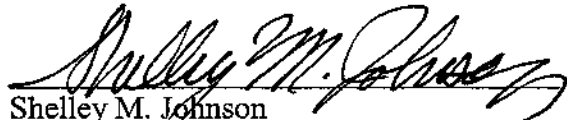
  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the "Complaint" has been duly served upon the Respondent listed below, by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid, on this 2nd day of June, 2006.

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