

**BEFORE THE BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
LICENSING BOARD  
CAUSE NUMBER: 2022 BHSB 0001**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF: )  
 )  
RAYCHEL MINASIAN, L.C.S.W. )  
 )  
LICENSE NO: 34009430A (ACTIVE) )**

**FILED**

**JAN 11 2022**

Indiana Professional  
Licensing Agency

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**

The State of Indiana (“Petitioner”), by counsel, Deputy Attorney General Ryan P. Eldridge, on behalf of the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, and pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-7-7, the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, Ind. Code Art. 4-21.5, and Ind. Code ch. 25-1-9, files its Administrative Complaint against the Clinical Social Worker license of Raychel Minasian, L.C.S.W. (“Respondent”), and in support alleges and states the following:

**FACTS**

1. Respondent is a licensed clinical social worker (“L.C.S.W.”) in the State of Indiana having been issued license number 34009430A by examination on August 31, 2021.
2. Respondent was previously a licensed social worker (“L.S.W.”) in the State of Indiana having been issued license number 33009359A by examination on August 7, 2019.
3. Respondent’s address on file with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (“IPLA”) is 525 Lincolnway W. Apt. 5, Mishawaka, Indiana 46544.
4. Respondent is a “practitioner” as that term is defined by Ind. Code Sec. 25-1-9-2.
5. At all relevant times, Respondent worked at Oaklawn Psychiatric Center (“Oaklawn”) as either an Intern or Addictions Therapist.
6. While at Oaklawn, Respondent conducted a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Assessment on a patient.

7. Respondent engaged in a romantic relationship with this same patient while she worked at Oaklawn or within two (2) months of resignation from Oaklawn.

8. Respondent resigned from Oaklawn in February 2020. The relationship was discovered around April 8, 2020.

**RELEVANT STANDARDS**

9. According to the National Association of Social Workers' Code of Ethics 1.06 Conflicts of Interest, "c) Social workers should not engage in dual or multiple relationships with clients or former clients in which there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the client. In instances when dual or multiple relationships are unavoidable, social workers should take steps to protect clients and are responsible for setting clear, appropriate, and culturally sensitive boundaries. (Dual or multiple relationships occur when social workers relate to clients in more than one relationship, whether professional, social, or business. Dual or multiple relationships can occur simultaneously or consecutively.)"

**VIOLATIONS**

**COUNT I: FAILURE TO KEEP ABREAST OF CURRENT PROFESSIONAL THEORY AND PRACTICE**

10. Respondent's actions constitute a violation of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(B) in that Respondent has a practitioner has continued to practice although the practitioner has become unfit to practice due to failure to keep abreast of current professional theory and practice, as evidenced by her violation of the National Association of Social Workers' Code of Ethics on Conflicts of Interest.

**COUNT II: KNOWING VIOLATION OF STATE STATUTE OR RULE**

11. Respondent's actions constitute a violation of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(3) in that Respondent knowingly violated any state statute or rule, or federal statute or regulation, regulating

the profession in question as evidenced by a violation of 839 IAC 1-3-4(b)(6). Specifically, 839 IAC 1-3-4(b)(6) states relationships with clients shall not be exploited by the social worker or clinical social worker for personal gain. A social worker or clinical social worker shall not violate such positions of trust and dependency by committing any act detrimental to a client. Respondent violated 839 IAC 1-3-4(b)(6) by engaging in a romantic relationship with a former client.

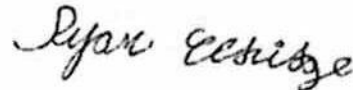
**ACCORDINGLY**, Petitioner respectfully request this Board enter an order finding that:

1. Respondent is subject to discipline according to Ind. Code § 25-1-9;
2. Imposes an appropriate disciplinary sanction;
3. Directs the Respondent to immediately pay all cost incurred in the prosecution of this case; and
4. Provides any further relief that the Board deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Indiana Attorney General

By:



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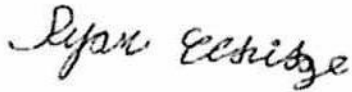
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing "Administrative Complaint" has been served upon the Respondent and Respondent's counsel at the addresses listed below, by United States First Class Mail on this 11th day of January, 2022.

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