BEFORE THE INDIANA
STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
CAUSE NO. 2000 ISPB 001

STATE OF INDIANA,)
Petitioner,)
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v.)
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REINALDO MATIAS, JR. Ph.D.,)
License No. 20041114,)
Respondent.)

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ORDER

The Indiana State Psychology Board ("Board") Administrative Law Judges issue this Order pursuant to Indiana Code §§ 4-21.5-4 and 25-1-9-10, and the following findings:

1. On July 18, 2000, the State of Indiana ("State") filed its Petition for Summary Suspension ("Petition") with the Board.

2. The Petition moved for the Board to suspend the license of Renaldo Matias, Jr., Ph.D. ("Matias") for 90 days; the Petition also requested the Board to set a hearing on the Petition.

3. The Petition asserted that if Matias is allowed to continue to practice as a licensed psychologist, he represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety because he has continued to practice although he has become unfit to practice due to physical or mental disability, in violation of Indiana Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(C).

4. As required by Indiana Code § 25-1-9-10, the Consumer Protection Division of the Indiana Attorney General's Office made a reasonable attempt to notify Matias of the hearing and to advise Matias that he may provide a written or oral statement to the Board on his behalf before the Board issues an order for summary suspension.

5. The Board scheduled its hearing on the Petition for Summary Suspension for 11:30 AM July 21, 2000, in Conference Center Room 1 of the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

6. On July 21, 2000, the Board held its hearing on the Petition for Summary Suspension.

7. On July 21, 2000, Matias appeared with counsel, Alan Naggatz and Paula Neff, for the hearing.

8. At the July 21, 2000 hearing, the Board took official notice of Matias' file and all witnesses' testimony.

9. Indiana Code § 25-1-9-10(a) states: "The board may summarily suspend a practitioner's license for ninety (90) days before a final adjudication or during the appeals process if the board finds that a practitioner represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if the practitioner is allowed to continue to practice."

10. On July 21, 2000, the Board found, by a vote of 5-0, that Matias did not represent a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if he is allowed to continue to practice.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED this 28th day of July, 2000 that the State's motion for summary suspension of Reinaldo Matias, Jr., Ph.D.'s psychology license is DENIED.

INDIANA STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

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