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April 27, 2000

Joseph L. French, Ed.D., Chairman
State Board of Psychology
116 Pine Street
Harrisburg, PA 17105


Re: IRRC Regulation #16A-633 (#1931)
State Board of Psychology
Sexual Intimacies

Dear Chairman French:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its April 27, 2000 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,


John R. McGinley, Jr.
Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Judith Pachter Schulder
Joyce McKeever
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Honorable Kim Pizzigrilli

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State Board of Psychology
Sexual Intimacies

Regulation No. 16A-633

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION


On March 10, 1998, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Psychology (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 41. The authority for this regulation is Section 3.2(2) of the Professional Psychologists Practice Act (63 P.S. §1203.2(2)). The proposed regulation was published in the March 21, 1998 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 6, 2000.

This regulation defines sexual intimacies and establishes limits upon sexual intimacy between a psychologist and a former or current client/patient or their immediate family. The regulation also prohibits a psychologist from accepting any former sexual partner as a client/patient.

This regulation meets the criteria of the Regulatory Review Act.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Regulation No. 16A-633 from the State Board of Psychology, as submitted to the Commission on April 6, 2000, is approved; and
2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.



John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman

