

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH**

In re: John Gagnon, M.F.T.

Petition No. 2010-5035

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against John Gagnon, M.F.T.:

FIRST COUNT

1. John Gagnon, M.F.T., of Stamford, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut marital and family therapist license number 000012.
2. On August 26, 2005, the Department approved and ordered a Consent Order in Petition Number Petition No. 2004-0506-027-001 (hereinafter "the Consent Order") that permanently restricted respondent's marital and family therapist license. Such disciplinary action was based upon respondent's admission that he had made false representations to clients and on his professional website, including false representations that he was an officer in the United States Army, and upon respondent's diagnosis of bipolar disorder.
3. Said Order specifically provided that respondent "is permanently forbidden to make any representation by any means whatsoever to any client or patient or prospective client or patient that he possesses any license, credential, certificate, privilege, appointment, affiliation, or membership with any profession, entity, or institution that he does not possess. Respondent agrees that violation of this provision shall be sufficient ground for revocation of his license."
4. On or about January 30, 2011, in violation of the above-described permanent restriction on his license, respondent falsely represented to persons whom he believed were prospective patients that he serves, or had served, in the United States Army.
5. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the Consent Order, and subjects respondent's license to revocation or other disciplinary action authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-17 and 20-195d.

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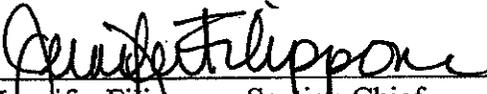
SECOND COUNT

6. Paragraphs 1-4 are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
7. Respondent has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder.
8. Respondent's bipolar disorder, and/or other occupationally disabling emotional disorder(s) and/or mental illness, individually and/or collectively, do and/or may affect his ability to practice marital and family therapy.
9. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-195d(2).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Department, as authorized in §§19a-17 and 20-195d, revoke or order other disciplinary action against the marital and family therapy license of John Gagnon as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 10th day of March 2011.



Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
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