



STATE OF NEVADA  
**BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS**  
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April 18, 2007

Lorne J. Malkiewich, Director  
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Dear Mr. Malkiewich

Pursuant NRS 622.100, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers is submitting the required quarterly disciplinary report for the period of January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2006. On January 1, 2007 the Board records reflected twenty four (24) active allegation files. During the quarter the Board received eleven (11) new allegations and dismissed no allegations. In December, the Board approved a consent decree which resulted in action against Maureen DeLongis, LSW. On March 31, 2007, thirty-four (34) allegation files remained open. A copy of the Consent Decree in the matter of DeLongis is included.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

NEVADA BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rosalind Tuana", is written over the printed name and title.

Rosalind Tuana  
Executive Director

Enclosures (1

**BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF  
EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS**

IN THE MATTER OF )

MAUREEN DeLONGIS )  
LSW NO. 3067-S )  
INTERN NO. 456 )

Respondent. )

CASE NO. G06-09

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**CONSENT DECREE NV BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
FOR SOCIAL WORKERS**

The State of Nevada BOARD of Examiners for Social Workers ("BOARD") having jurisdiction over licensee MAUREEN DeLONGIS ("DeLONGIS"), pursuant to NRS 641B.020; an accusation against said licensee alleging violations of the Nevada statutes and regulations controlling the practice of social work; and the parties being mutually desirous of settling the controversy between them relative to the pending accusation;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

**VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

DeLONGIS is aware of, understands, and has been advised of the effect of this Consent Decree, which she has carefully read and fully acknowledges. DeLONGIS has had the opportunity to consult with competent counsel of her choice.

DeLONGIS has freely and voluntarily entered into this Consent Decree, and she is aware of her rights to contest the charges pending against her. These rights include representation by an attorney at her own expense, the right to file an answer in response to a formal complaint, the right to a public hearing on any charges or allegations formally filed, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses called to testify against her, the right to present evidence on her own behalf, the right to testify on her own behalf, the right to receive written findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting the decision on the merits of the complaint, and the right to obtain judicial

1 review of the decision. All of these rights are being voluntarily waived by DeLONGIS in  
2 exchange for the BOARD'S acceptance of this Consent Decree.

3 If the Consent Decree is not accepted by the BOARD, no member of the BOARD  
4 will be disqualified from further hearing of this matter, by reason of his or her  
5 consideration of the Consent Decree and DeLONGIS hereby waives any claim of bias  
6 or prejudice based upon said consideration by any member of the BOARD in any  
7 subsequent disciplinary hearing conducted by the BOARD.

### 8 JURISDICTION

9 DeLONGIS acknowledges that the BOARD has jurisdiction over her and the  
10 conduct that has precipitated this Consent Decree. DeLONGIS acknowledges that the  
11 BOARD has the legal power and authority to take disciplinary action, including, but not  
12 limited to, the revocation of her license to practice social work in Nevada.

13 DeLONGIS acknowledges that the BOARD will retain jurisdiction over this matter  
14 until all terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Decree have been met to the  
15 satisfaction of the BOARD.

### 16 PUBLICATION OF CONSENT DECREE

17 DeLONGIS acknowledges that at the time this Consent Decree becomes  
18 effective, it also becomes a public document and will be reported to the Disciplinary  
19 Action Reporting System (DARS) of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) or  
20 such other national databases as required by law. It is also understood that any  
21 meeting during which the BOARD considers and adopts or rejects this Consent Decree  
22 is open to the public and that the minutes of the BOARD meeting are a public  
23 document, available for inspection by any person so requesting.

### 24 STIPULATED FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

25 DeLONGIS understands the nature of the allegations under consideration by the  
26 BOARD. She acknowledges that the conduct described below constitutes violations of  
27 the Nevada Social Work Practice Act (NRS and NAC 641B). She acknowledges that if  
28 this matter were to be taken to a disciplinary hearing before the BOARD, the

1 following allegations could be proven by substantial evidence and that by  
2 acknowledging the same, she is subject to disciplinary action by the BOARD:

3 1. DeLONGIS was licensed as a licensed social worker on or about April 2,  
4 2001, through the present day.

5 2. On November 18, 2003, the Board office received a 2003/2004 renewal  
6 application for DeLONGIS' Social Worker license 3067-S, wherein DeLONGIS  
7 answered "No" to Question #6 which states: "Since your 2002 renewal or your initial  
8 licensure (after December 31, 2001) have you been convicted or charged with a  
9 criminal or civil offense."

10 3. On December 29, 2005, the Board office received an application from  
11 DeLONGIS for an internship program, wherein DeLONGIS answered "No" to Question  
12 #2 which states, in pertinent part: "Have you ever been arrested or convicted of any  
13 offense involving moral turpitude; . . ."

14 4. Subsequently, the Board office received results of the fingerprint search  
15 from the cards DeLONGIS submitted with her application for an internship.

16 5. The fingerprint search from both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and  
17 the Nevada Criminal History Records Repository indicate DeLONGIS was arrested for  
18 driving under the influence of alcohol on or about August 6, 2003.

19 6. This conduct violated NAC 641B.200(20 ) which states that a licensee  
20 shall notify the Board in writing within 10 days after . . . a criminal charge is filed against  
21 the licensee . . .

22 7. That the foregoing facts constitute grounds for initiating disciplinary action  
23 pursuant to NRS 641B.400.

24 8. That pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 641B.430(3) and (4):

25 If the Board finds the person guilty as charged in the  
26 complaint it may by order:

27 a) Place the person on probation for a specified  
period or until further order of the board.

28 b) Administer to the person a public reprimand.

1 c) Limit the practice of the person to, or by exclusion  
2 of, one or more specified branches of social work.

3 d) Suspend the license of the person to practice social  
4 work for a specified period or until further order of the  
5 board.

6 e) Revoke the license of the person to practice social  
7 work.

8 f) Impose a fine of not more than \$5000, which must  
9 be deposited with the state treasurer for credit to the  
10 state general fund.

11 g) Require the person to pay all costs incurred by the  
12 board relating to the discipline of the person.

13 The order of the board may contain other terms,  
14 provisions or conditions, as the board deems proper  
15 and which are not inconsistent with law.

#### 16 STIPULATED ADJUDICATION

17 DeLONGIS stipulates that pursuant to the authority of NRS 641B.430(3) and (4),  
18 the BOARD will administer a public reprimand. Specifically, DeLONGIS agrees to  
19 comply with the following conditions:

20 1. DeLONGIS shall maintain her license number LSW 3067-S during the  
21 public reprimand.

22 2. Within forty-five (45) days of the approval and execution of the Consent  
23 Decree, DeLONGIS shall pay the BOARD two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) in legal  
24 and investigative fees.

25 3. DeLONGIS must attend two (2) one (1) hour sessions with a Board  
26 approved consultant. Topics to be discussed include ethics and professional  
27 responsibility.

28 4. DeLONGIS will be financially responsible for all requirements of the  
Consent Decree, including the cost of the BOARD approved consultant and any  
reasonable financial assessments by the BOARD for the costs of monitoring her  
compliances or carrying out the provisions of the Consent Decree.

### VIOLATION OF TERMS OF CONSENT DECREE

DeLONGIS understands that the BOARD may, upon thirty (30) days notice to DeLONGIS, convene a hearing for the limited purpose of establishing that she has, in fact, been in violation of the terms of this Consent Decree. If such a hearing results in a finding of a violation of this Consent Decree, the BOARD may impose any penalty upon DeLONGIS authorized by NRS 641B.430(3), and (4) including, but not limited to, revocation of her license to practice social work in the State of Nevada

In the event that a violation of the terms of the Consent Decree is alleged, DeLONGIS agrees to surrender her license to the Executive Director, if the Executive Director so requests, and refrain from practicing social work until entry of a final order of the BOARD or a court of competent jurisdiction, whichever last occurs, regarding a potential violation. DeLONGIS agrees to waive her right to appeal the substantive legal basis of the original disciplinary action, which is the basis for this Consent Decree. In the event an alleged violation of the Consent Decree is taken to hearing and the facts which constitute the violation are determined to be not proven, no disciplinary action shall be taken by the BOARD and the suspension previously ordered by the BOARD shall again be operative and in full force and effect.

### ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOARD

This Consent Decree was presented and accepted by the BOARD with a recommendation for approval from the Attorney General's Office at its next meeting.

COMPLETE CONSENT DECREE

This Consent Decree embodies the entire agreement between the BOARD and MAUREEN DeLONGIS. It may not be altered, amended, or modified without the express written consent of the parties.

DATED this 10 day of January, 2007

Maureen DeLongis  
MAUREEN DeLONGIS, LSW

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007

STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF  
EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

By:

Randy Reinoso  
RANDY REINOSO  
Presiding Officer

The foregoing Consent Decree between MAUREEN DeLONGIS and the STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS in Case No. G06-09 is approved as to form and content.

DATED this 18 day of Jan, 2007

Catherine Cortez Masto  
CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO  
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**ORDER**

By a majority vote on the 9<sup>TH</sup> day of FEB., 2007, the State of Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers approved and adopted the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Consent Decree with MAUREEN DeLONGIS, LSW.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE.**

DATED this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2007

  
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RANDY REINOSO, LSW  
Presiding Officer