## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

REPLY MEMORANDUM ON THE OHIO PSYCHOLOGY BOARD'S 🕉 55 MOTION TO STAY DISCOVERY				
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OHIO STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY		₹K OF	T 90	
vs.	Judge L. Beatty	CLERK	2011 A	CON TROO
DR. IRUDY BOND, et. al. Relators/Plaintiffs,	Case Number: 11CV-04-471	1		
DR. TRUDY BOND, et. al.				

The Ohio Psychology Board filed a motion to dismiss the complaint in mandamus based upon on pure legal grounds. First relators do not have standing to pursue this matter. Ohio law is quite clear on this point. Moreover in a recent decision from New York directly on point, the court ruled that a psychologist filing a similar action did not have standing to require the Disciplinary Board to initiate disciplinary action. See *Reisner v. Catone* (Supreme Ct. of N.Y, New York County, 2011), 115400/2010 (Attached as Exhibit 2 to the Board's Reply Brief.)

Similarly the Board's argument that the mandamus action should be dismissed for failure to state a claim is solely a matter of law. There is no need for discovery in order to rule on the Board's motion and relators do not even suggest that they need discovery to respond. In the interests of judicial economy and efficiency all discovery should be stayed until the court has an opportunity to rule on the Board's motion. If granted, the Board's motion will resolve the entire case.

Moreover under Board policy cases closed without formal Board action are

confidential and not made public. (See State Board of Psychology, Guidelines for Disciplinary Actions p. 3). Therefore any records relators may seek are not subject to disclosure.

For the foregoing reasons the Ohio State Board of Psychology requests that the court stay all discovery until it rules on the Board's dispositive motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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