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Social Media Policy

Please review the social media policy for my practice. This policy will explain how I engage in the Internet community as a psychologist. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please do not hesitate to discuss your thoughts or concerns with me.

Friending/Following

As a matter of policy, I do not accept friend, contact, or follow requests on any social networking site. Having your name appear in my friends list, in my list of contacts, or as one of my followers may compromise your confidentiality. I also will not follow you on any social networking site as it may have a negative impact on our working relationship. Again, it may compromise your confidentiality and our mutual privacy. It also blurs the appropriate boundaries of our therapy relationship.

I maintain an active LinkedIn page for my professional practice so other people can read my posts or practice updates. However, I will not accept any requests to connect on LinkedIn, as my priority is to maintain your right to privacy.

Interacting

Please do not use social media platforms (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, LinkedIn, etc.) to contact me. These platforms do not ensure secure communication, and I am unable to respond to messages in a timely manner. Please do not “like” or add comments to any public content I may make available, as it will compromise your privacy. If I need to be contacted, you can call me at 224-388-3633 or email me at jstine.psyd@gmail.com.

Email Contact

Email communication cannot be guaranteed to be private or secure. As a result, any information of a confidential nature should be shared either via phone or in person. Email communication should be reserved for scheduling/rescheduling therapy sessions or sharing resources.

Business Review Sites

My practice may be described on business review websites (e.g. Yelp!, Healthgrades, Google Business, Yahoo! Local, etc.). Some of these sites include forums in which users rate their providers and add reviews. Many of these sites use search engines to find businesses and automatically add them to their review site. If you should find my listing on any of these sites, please know that my listing is NOT a request for a testimonial, rating, or endorsement from you as my client. I do not expect nor recommend you to

leave comments on these sites, as this may compromise your privacy. If you do leave a comment, please know I will not engage you on these sites. Also, you should be aware that if you are using these sites to communicate indirectly with me about your feelings about our work, there is a good possibility that I may never see it. If we are working together, I hope that you will bring your feelings and reactions to our work directly into the therapy session. This can be an important part of therapy, even if you decide we are not a good fit. If you do choose to write something on a business review site, I hope you will keep in mind that you may be sharing personally revealing information in a public forum.