

**BEFORE THE STATE OF OHIO
COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF

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WINIFRED B. KESSLER

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FINDINGS, ORDER AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came on for consideration after a notice of opportunity for hearing was mailed to Winifred B. Kessler, LPCC by the State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board on September 19, 1994.

By letter dated September 19, 1994, notice was given to Winifred B. Kessler, L.P.C.C., that the Counselor and Social Worker Board intended to consider disciplinary actions regarding her license to practice as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in Ohio. Ms. Kessler was charged as follows: 1) On December 10, 1990 her license as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (L.P.C.C.) expired. She did not apply for renewal of said license until August 8, 1994; 2) On or about July 1993 through August 1994, she continued to hold herself out as a counselor; 3) On or about July 1993 through August 1994, she continued to use the abbreviation or title Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (L.P.C.C.). The notice indicated that she was entitled to a hearing if such a hearing was requested within thirty (30) days of the mailing of said notice. On September 22, 1994 a hearing was requested. On September 27, 1994 a hearing date of September 30, 1995 was set and then continued by the Board. On July 20, 1995, a hearing was conducted by a quorum of the Board.

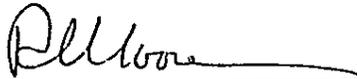
The Board after reviewing the exhibits and testimony found that Ms. Kessler did practice counseling during the time that her license as a Professional Clinical Counselor was expired. The Board also found that Ms. Kessler continued to hold herself out as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and use the initials L.P.C.C. while her license was expired.

These actions constitute violations of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.02 (A) and Ohio Revised Code Section 4757-23-02, 4757-19-01 and 4757-21-01.

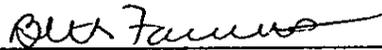
Therefore, it is ORDERED that the license of Winifred B. Kessler, to practice as a Professional Clinical Counselor be suspended for ninety (90) days. Thirty (30) days of the suspension will be stayed if Ms. Kessler agrees to complete a graduate level counseling course in professional and legal ethics within one year of the effective date of this order. The course must be approved by the Counselor and Social Worker Board prior to Ms. Kessler registering.

This ORDER shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of the mailing of this notice.

This ORDER is hereby entered upon the Journal of the State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board for the 4th day of August, 1995, and the original thereof shall be kept with said Journal.



Robert Moore
Chairman



Beth Farnsworth
Executive Director

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Date

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