



ADJUDICATION ORDER
in the Matter of:

Diane L. Leggett
415 E. Whittier Street
Columbus, OH 43206

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF DIANE L. LEGGETT TO MAINTAIN
LICENSURE AS A SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF DIANE L. LEGGETT CAME BEFORE THE SOCIAL WORK
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR,
SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD ON
MAY 20, 2004.

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Diane L. Leggett by the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board on November 24, 2003. An administrative hearing was held on May 20, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the offices of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, 77 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, pursuant to Chapter 119 and Section 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code. Assistant Attorney General Juliane E. Barone represented the State. Diane L. Leggett was not present.

State's Exhibits

- A. Notice of Opportunity issued to Diane L. Leggett by the Board on November 24, 2003.
- B. Letter dated December 20, 2003, from Ms. Leggett to the Board requesting a hearing.
- C. Letter dated December 30, 2003, from the Board to Ms. Leggett scheduling an administrative hearing and continuing said hearing.

- D. Letter dated April 14, 2004, from the Board to Ms. Leggett scheduling a hearing for May 20, 2004.
- E. Letter dated May 10, 2004, from Ms. Leggett to the Board stating she will be unable to attend the May 21, 2004, hearing.
- F. A five-page document of information gathered in the official investigation by the Board of Diane L. Leggett.
- G. Memorandum dated August 8, 2003, from Melissa Miller, Human Resource Director of Southeast, Inc. to Dotti Hildreth regarding Diane Leggett.
- H. Summary of phone interview conducted by Bill Hegarty, Deputy Director of the Board, on October 1, 2003, with Diane Leggett.
- I. Letters dated November 1, 2003, October 10, 2003, and October 5, 2003, to Mr. Hegarty from Ms. Leggett with regard to the investigation of her social work license.
- J. Productivity report from Southeast, Inc. regarding Diane Leggett.
- K. Termination Action with regard to Diane Leggett dated August 5, 2003, from Southeast, Inc.
- L. Memorandum dated August 1, 2003, from Chris Nicastro, Southeast Inc., to Jayne Zink regarding Diane Leggett.
- M. Memorandum to Diane Leggett, dated August 5, 2003, from Southeast, Inc., terminating her employment.
- N. Memorandum from Maria Martin, Southeast, Inc, dated August 11, 2003 to Chris Nicastro regarding Diane Leggett.
- O. Memorandum from Thomas Whiteman, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, dated October 1, 2003, to Chief Deputy Mark Barrett with regard to Diane Leggett.
- P. Testimony of Bill Hegarty, Deputy Director of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.
- Q. Testimony of Chris Nicastro, LPCC, Program Manager, Southeast, Inc.
- R. Testimony of Thomas Whiteman, ex-employee of the Franklin County Sheriff's office.

DISCUSSION

The Social Work Professional Standards Committee reviewed the evidence and testimony regarding Diane Leggett presented by the State of Ohio. The Committee determined that Ms. Leggett entered into a multiple relationship with a client of Southeast, Inc., in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C)(1). The Committee further determined that Diane Leggett misrepresented her credentials by contacting the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and stating she was a case manager at Southeast, Inc., and inquiring about an inmate in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-1(B)(1)(a). Based on this misrepresentation, Ms. Leggett acquired confidential information regarding the inmate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) provides that the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee who has committed a violation of any provision of the laws and rules governing the practice of counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy in the State of Ohio.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

The Committee Orders that Ms. Leggett's license to practice social work (S-10319) be **REVOKED** based on the violations of law and rules discussed above.

This **ORDER** was approved by unanimous vote of the Members of the Committee who reviewed this case.

Motion carried by order of the Social Work Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 119.12, any party adversely affected by an order of an agency issued pursuant to an adjudication denying an applicant admission to an examination, or denying the issuance or renewal of a license or registration of a license, or revoking or suspending a license, may appeal from the order of the agency to the court of common pleas of the county in which the place of business of the licensee is located or the county in which the licensee is a resident. If any such party is not a resident of and has no place of business in Ohio, the party may appeal to the court of common pleas of Franklin County

This *Order* may be appealed in accordance with Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code by filing the original Notice of Appeal with the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapy Board, 77 S. High Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, and also a copy of that Notice of Appeal with the Court of Common Pleas in the county of the party's place of business, or in the county in which the party is a resident. The Notice of Appeal shall set forth the Order appealed from and the grounds of the Party's appeal. Such Notice of Appeal and copy shall be filed and must be delivered within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this *Adjudication Order*.

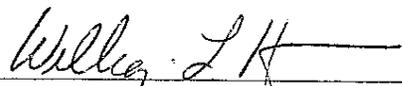
By Order of the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.



Michael Davis, LPCC
Chairman

Certification of Service

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing ADJUDICATION ORDER was sent via U. S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, Article #70022030000070895416, to Diane Leggett, 415 E, Whittier Street, Columbus, OH 43206 on this 24th day of May 2004.



William L. Hegarty, Deputy Director
Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board