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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Laura Grad, #W077311
Ohio Reformatory for Women
1479 Collins Avenue
Marysville, OH 43040

**IN THE MATTER OF LAURA GRAD TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR IN THE STATE OF OHIO.**

THE MATTER OF LAURA GRAD CAME BEFORE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS
OF THE COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE
OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPIST BOARD ON MAY 20, 2010: FRANCINE PACKARD, DR. VICTORIA
WHITE KRESS, AND MARY VENRICK.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Laura Grad by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee on March 29, 2010.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 licensees are entitled to a hearing before the Board if such a hearing is requested within thirty days of the mailing of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. In this case, Ms. Grad failed to make a timely request for such a hearing, therefore pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals, 95 APE 10-1358 the case was presented to the Counselor Professional Standards Committee on May 20, 2010.

Summary of Evidence

State's Exhibits

1. Affidavit prepared by William L. Hegarty, Deputy Director, State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.
2. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Grad dated March 29, 2010.
3. Information obtained from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and from the Medina County Court of Common Pleas.

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 Board's law and rules. Ms. Grad was convicted of two counts of endangering children in violation of Ohio Revised Code 2919.22(A)(E)(2)(c), felonies of the third degree in Medina County Court of Common Pleas. She was sentenced to two consecutive prison terms totaling five years. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4757.36(C)(5), the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against a licensee who has received a felony conviction.

Discussion and Findings

As required in the case of *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals 95APE10-1358, all cases where a Board issues a Notice for Opportunity for Hearing and the individual does not request a hearing, the Board still must review evidence presented to it and make specific findings of fact. In this case, Ms. Grad did not request a hearing after receipt of her Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

The Counselor Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence prepared in this case. The Committee finds that Ms. Grad did receive two felony convictions in Ohio in the Medina County Court of Common Pleas. Based on this, the Committee orders that Ms. Grad's license to practice as a professional counselor (C-0500764) is **REVOKED**. As Ordered by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

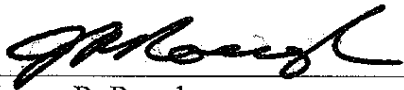
It is hereby certified by this Board that the above language is incorporated into the Board's journal in this matter.

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, 50 West Broad Street, Suite 1075, 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.



James R. Rough
Executive Director

5-21-10

Date

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