

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:

SHARON LYNN STRICKER

Applicant.

ORDER

This matter is before the Board pursuant to the application, dated March 3, 2002, of Sharon Lynn Stricker (Applicant) for reinstatement of her license to practice social work in this State. Applicant's license (#3352) was placed upon indefinite suspension by order of this Board dated February 7, 2000. Applicant has not renewed this license since that time. At the Board's meeting on May 20, 2002, Applicant appeared and presented evidence and argument in support of the petition for reinstatement. After due consideration, the Board unanimously voted to deny the application. Board members Curlee and Rembert recused themselves from this decision due to personal familiarity with the Applicant.

According to the Board's records, Applicant's license lapsed on December 31, 1999, during a period of time wherein Applicant had voluntarily surrendered her license. Board records do not show that Applicant made application for renewal of her license before January 2000, 2001, or 2002. Applicant has not provided this Board any evidence of continuing education for those years as required by former law as codified at §40-63-80 or by current law, §40-63-250 of 2002 Act #189. Thus she does not qualify for reinstatement, even if she had no record of disciplinary action. However, there is a record of disciplinary action. The indefinite suspension order (February 7, 2000) included a finding that, based upon a psychiatric evaluation, Applicant was unfit to practice social work at that time. Applicant has not provided this Board with any current psychiatric evaluation to show that she has been rehabilitated or that she currently possesses the character and fitness to practice social work. Whether this petition for reinstatement is viewed as a petition to reinstate a lapsed license or as a petition to be relieved of the Order of Indefinite Suspension, Applicant has failed to show that she is qualified for the license she seeks.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Applicant's application for reinstatement of her license to practice social work in this State be and hereby is **DENIED**. Due to the period of time that this license has lapsed, Applicant cannot be licensed again in South Carolina without making

new application and meeting the current requirements of the law. At that time, Applicant may also be required to show that she possesses the character and fitness to practice social work.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
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May 21, 2002
Date

BY:

Jane A. Anker, MA, LISW

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President of the Board