

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:

**SHARON STRICKER, LISW
LICENSE NO. 3352**

Respondent.

**ORDER OF INDEFINITE
SUSPENSION**

WHEREAS, on or about February 13, 1999, Respondent entered into a "Agreement to Voluntary Surrender", her license to practice social work in this State after the State Board of Social Worker Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") had received an initial complaint regarding conduct allegedly engaged in by the Respondent of an inappropriate sexual contact with a patient; and

WHEREAS, the Respondent was practicing social work in Charleston, South Carolina during the period of the alleged inappropriate sexual contact with a patient; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 1999, Respondent consented to temporarily ceasing the active practice of social work and/or independent social work in this State on December 24, 1998, pending a hearing and until Respondent had fully complied with the terms of the "Agreement to Voluntary Surrender"; and

WHEREAS, by letter, dated October 1, 1999, the Board after reviewing Dr. Steve Tankersley's psychiatric evaluation and recommendation of Respondent, informed the Respondent that it was determined that she was unfit to practice social work at this time and voted to implement the provision 4-B of the "Agreement to Voluntary Surrender"; and

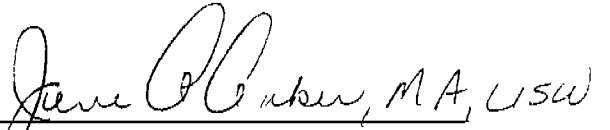
WHEREAS, on January 17, 2000, Respondent appeared before the Board with counsel, Wilbur E. Johnson, to respond to the issue of fitness and her ability to competently practice social work; and

WHEREAS, S.C. Code Ann. Sections 40-1-110 and 40-63-110 (Supp. 1998), allow the Board to take action including the revocation, suspension, probation, reprimand, or restriction of a license, among other things upon finding of misconduct by a licensee; and

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT, Respondent's license to practice social work in this State is hereby indefinitely suspended without conditions. Said suspension shall be effective at the close of business on the date of service of this Order on Respondent or her counsel, and shall continue in effect for a period of twenty-four (24) months. Thereafter, the Respondent may petition the Board in writing to consider the lifting of the suspension and the reinstatement of her social work license, provided Respondent meets all other statutory requirements for licensure.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
EXAMINERS



JANE A. ANKER, LISW
PRESIDENT

Feb. 17, 2000.