

BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the)
Licensure of)
KAREN ANN BROWN)
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DEFAULT ORDER OF
DENIAL OF LICENSURE

On November 12, 2002, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Karen Ann Brown, in which the Commission proposed to deny issuance of a license under ORS 342.143(2) and its administrative rules implementing that legal authority OAR 584-050-0006(5). The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt #7001 0320 0005 0740 5499 to the address Ms. Brown provided to the Commission. The certified mail receipt was signed by Ms. Brown and returned to the Commission on November 21, 2002. Karen Ann Brown did not request a hearing.

The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

If a request for hearing is not received within this 21-day period, your right to hearing shall be considered waived unless your failure to request a hearing was beyond your reasonable control. If you do not request a hearing or if you fail to appear at a hearing, the Commission will uphold the denial of your application for an Oregon teaching license.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds Karen Ann Brown in default and such default is hereby entered. Based on the records and files of the Commission, the Commission enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 4, 2001, Ms. Brown signed and submitted an Application for Educator License Form C-1 requesting an Initial Teacher License. Ms. Brown responded “yes” to character questions and provided a written statement regarding the surrender of her Nebraska Teaching License in 1999.

2. Ms. Brown served as a teacher at the Morton School, Adolescent and Family

1 Services, Lincoln Regional Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, from August 20, 1992, until
2 September 30, 1996. In 1996, Ms. Brown was promoted to Principal of Morton School.

3 3. In 1998, while serving as Principal, Ms. Brown became sexually involved with an
4 18 year old former student/inmate of the Morton School who was living in her home.

5 4. On August 31, 1998, Ms. Brown resigned her position at the Morton School and
6 subsequently surrendered her teaching license to Nebraska as a result of her relationship with
7 the former student.

8 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9 Sexual conduct with a student OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) is evidence of lack of fitness to
10 serve as an Oregon educator and a basis for denial of licensure pursuant to OAR 584-050-
11 0006(5) and ORS 342.142.

12 ORDER

13 The Commission denies issuance of licensure to Karen Ann Brown.
14 IT IS SO ORDERED this 10th day of January 2003.

15 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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17 By Victoria Chamberlain
18 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

19 NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

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21 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW
22 MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE
23 SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
24 ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.