

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON
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4 In the Matter of the) DEFAULT ORDER OF DENIAL
5 Licensure of) OF REINSTATEMENT OF
6 STEPHEN CONLEE) SUSPENDED TEACHING LICENSE

7 On December 9, 2005, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
8 (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Stephen Conlee (Conlee) in
9 which the Commission denied licensure based on ORS 342.143(2), and the
10 administrative rules implementing that legal authority under OAR Chapter 584 Division
11 020 and 050. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail
12 Receipt 7005 0390 0005 5794 8934 to the address Mr. Conlee provided to the
13 Commission. The certified mail receipt was signed and dated by Diane Conlee on
14 December 10, 2005, and returned to the Commission. The Notice of Opportunity of
15 Hearing, dated December 9, 2005, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive
16 Director, stated:

17 "You, Stephen Conlee, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action of
18 the Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for
19 a hearing with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice.
20 Attached to this notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation
21 and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required
22 under ORS 183.413(2)."
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24 Mr. Conlee did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds
25 Mr. Conlee to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions
26 of law and order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning
27 this matter.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On December 15, 2000, the Commission adopted a Stipulation, Surrender of License and Amended Order of Suspension requiring Mr. Conlee to "...comply with any treatment or counseling as recommended..."

2. On March 25, 2004, Mr. Conlee applied for reinstatement of a suspended license.

3. Mr. Conlee failed to provide evidence of the reinstatement requirement set forth on page 39 of Dr. Shannon's evaluation, "Mr. Conlee should complete a workshop, class or seminar on sexual harassment/appropriate boundaries."

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Lack of fitness to serve as an educator is a basis for denial of licensure pursuant to OAR 584-050-0006(5) and ORS 342.143(2) constitute grounds for denial of licensure as per OAR 584-020-00040(4). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

ORDER

The Commission hereby denies reinstatement of licensure to Stephen Conlee.
IT IS SO ORDERED this 30 day of January, 2006.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 

Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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