

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF LICENSED
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

IN THE MATTER OF:)

RONALD CORUM,)
Respondent)

FINAL DECISION

The North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors ("Board") heard this matter at its August 4, 2011, meeting in public session. A Notice of Hearing was served, via hand delivery on Ronald Corum, on May 26, 2011, notifying him that the hearing would take place on August 4, 2011, at 1:30 pm, in the Rand conference room of the Wingate Inn, 1542 Mechanical Blvd, Garner, NC. Respondent was not represented by counsel, nor did he appear at the hearing before the Board. Sondra C. Panico, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the Board and presented exhibits from the Board file. The Board deliberated in executive session, during which deliberations it made the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the following facts are true and relevant:

1. At all relevant times Respondent was a Licensed Professional Counselor, licensed by the Board.
2. On June 8, 2010, the Board received complaints against Respondent alleging that he engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with three female clients, KF, AF, and DB.
3. The Board sent a letter to Respondent on July 7, 2010, along with a copy of the complaint, requesting a response. The letter requested that Respondent respond to the allegations in the complaint. Respondent did not respond to the letter.
4. On December 14, 2010, the Board sent Respondent another letter and a copy of the complaint. Respondent was requested to respond to the allegations in the complaint within 15 days of receipt of the letter, which he signed for on December 20, 2010. At no point in time did Respondent respond to the letter.
5. On February 18, 2011, the Board held a hearing in which it summarily suspended Respondent's license to engage in the practice of counseling.
6. On May 26, 2011, Respondent was served with the Notice of Hearing in this matter, via hand delivery.

7. At no point in time has Respondent responded to the allegations in this matter nor has he cooperated with the Board's investigation of this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of G.S. §§ 90-340(a)(9) and 90-340(a)(15).

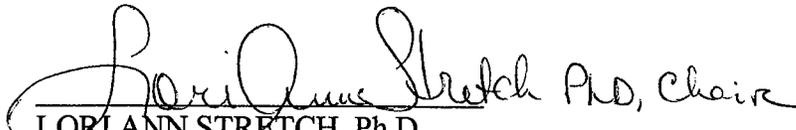
NOW, THEREFORE, THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS ORDERS:

1. The license of Respondent, Ronald Corum, is hereby REVOKED.
2. Respondent shall return his license to the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors within 15 days of receipt of this Order.
3. The Board shall maintain this decision as a public record pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1 and 90-340(f).

This the 7th day of October, 2011.

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

BY:


LORI ANN STRETCH, Ph.D.,
CHAIR

APPEAL

Pursuant to G.S. § 150B-45, any party wishing to appeal the Board's decision may commence such an appeal by filing a Petition for Judicial Review in the Superior Court of Wake County or in the Superior Court of the county in which the party resides. The party seeking review must file the petition within 30 days after being served with a written copy of the Board's Final Decision. Pursuant to G.S. § 150B-47, the Board is required to file the official record in the contested case within 30 days of receipt of the Petition for Judicial Review. Consequently, a copy of the Petition must be sent to the Board at the time the appeal is initiated in order to insure timely filing of the record.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Beth Holder, hereby certify that the foregoing Final Decision was this day served upon the Respondent by depositing a copy of same in the United States Mail, certified mail, return receipt requested, as follows:

Ronald Corum
805 Brookstone Way
King, North Carolina 27021

This the 11th day of October, 2011.



Beth Holder
NCBLPC Administrator