

BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD
OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF
MICHAEL BEDDINGFIELD
RESPONDENT

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CASE NO. 06-0311C-04

DECISION

THIS CASE CAME to be heard as a result of a Complaint filed by the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners (the Board) against Respondent Michael Beddingfield. Prior to this hearing, the Respondent had been notified of the Complaint and had been given an opportunity to respond to the Complaint. Prior to the date of this hearing, the Respondent had been notified of the time and place of the hearing by registered mail. The Complaint charged the Respondents with one count. COUNT ONE charged a violation of Section 34-30-4 (a) 6 Code of Alabama, 1975 and Rules 850-X-9-.01 (2) (a) 4,5 and 10 and 850-X-10-.01 (2) (m) and (n), Administrative Code. While licensed by the Board to practice social work, between June 2005 to October 2005, S.B. became a client of the Respondent. During the summer of 2005 a personal relationship developed between the Respondent and S.B. which included sexual relations between S.B. and the Respondent.

On September 8, 2006, the date of the hearing, the Respondent did appear before the Board represented by Attorney's James Mason and Kimberly Ramsey. The Board produced Board Exhibits 1 through 4. Exhibits went into the record. The hearing was conducted with Administrative Law Judge Tori L. Adams.

CONCLUSION

The Board met on November 17th, 2006 and considered the recommendation from Judge Adams released on October 24th, 2006. The Board concludes as follows:

1. the Board has proper jurisdiction to hear the Complaint, and proper notice of the hearing was given Respondent.
2. the Complaint sets forth allegations which violate the rules and regulations as defined in Section 34-30-4 (a) 6 Code of Alabama, 1975 and Rules 850-X-9-.01 (2) (a) 4,5 and 10 and 850-X-.01 (2) (m) and (n), Administrative Code.
3. the Respondent was found guilty of the violations charged in Count One.

THREFORE, these premises considered, it is hereby

Ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the decision of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners is to revoke the license of the Respondent and the Respondent is to pay \$500.00 for each of the five (5) violations sited: 850-X-9-.01(2)(a)4, 850-X-9-.01(2)(a)5, 850-X-9-.01(2)(a)10, 850-X-10-.01(2)(m), and 850-X-10-.01(2)(n). The Respondent is to pay the fine totaling \$2,500.00 to the Board of Social Work Examiners within six (6) months of the date of this order. This disciplinary action is to be reported to the Association of Social Work Boards Disciplinary and Regulatory System and will be forwarded to the National Practitioner Data Bank in the event Respondent attempts to regain licensure in the State of Alabama or in another state.

Done this the 17th day of November 2006, by a majority vote of the Board.

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