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BEFORE THE BOARD OF LICENSED
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of: CLAUDIA L. WILLIAMS, LPC Respondent.		Agency Case No. 2015-027 DEFAULT ORDER
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The Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining licensed professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, and registered interns. ORS 675.705 to 675.835; OAR 833-001-0000 to 833-130-0080. Claudia L. Williams (Respondent) has submitted an application to renew her license as a Professional Counselor (LPC).

2.

On September 10, 2015, the Board issued a Notice of Intent to Discipline against Respondent, which proposed imposing one year of supervision, a civil penalty of \$500, an assessment of costs of the disciplinary process, and to require that Respondent complete a fitness for duty evaluation, which was sent to Respondent by regular and certified mail. Respondent signed the certified mail receipt on September 15, 2015. This action was based upon violations of OAR 833-100-0011(1), and (7); 833-100-0041(1); and 833-100-0061(2) and (4). The Board's Notice informed Respondent that "a request for hearing must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Board, at the following address, during regular business hours, within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the date on which this Notice is mailed: [The address of the Board was provided.] If Respondent fails to timely request a hearing, Respondent's right to a hearing shall be considered waived." Respondent failed to submit a written response to the Notice and did not request a hearing. As a result, Respondent has waived her right to a hearing and now stands in

1 default. The Board elects in this case to designate the record of proceeding to date, which
2 consists of Respondent's file with the Board as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie
3 case, pursuant to ORS 183.417(4).

4 NOW THEREFORE, after considering the Board's file relating to this matter, the Board
5 enters the following Order.

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7 FINDINGS OF FACT

8 The Board's decision to impose disciplinary sanctions and to assess costs is based on the
9 following alleged facts that constitute violations of ORS 675.745 and the specified code of
10 ethics:

11 3.1 Respondent has a history of shoplifting related arrests and convictions. On
12 October 31, 1978, Respondent was arrested, and she was later convicted of theft in the second
13 degree in Washington County, Oregon. On September 22, 1979, Respondent was arrested for
14 theft in the second degree, and on May 1, 1980, in Washington County, Oregon, Respondent was
15 convicted and sentenced to one year of probation and 50 hours of community service. Theft in
16 the second degree is a Class A misdemeanor. On June 12, 1990, Respondent submitted an
17 application to be licensed as professional counselor. In that application, Respondent was asked
18 "Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?" Respondent
19 answered "no." Her answer was not true. Respondent submitted subsequent applications for
20 renewal and continued to fail to disclose her record of arrests and convictions in those
21 applications.

22 3.2 Respondent was arrested on November 18, 2014 for theft in the third degree, a
23 Class C misdemeanor. Respondent did not report this arrest to the Board, in violation of OAR
24 833-100-0061(4). Respondent subsequently submitted an application to renew her license as a
25 professional counselor on June 9, 2015. In that application, Respondent was asked to respond to
26 the following question: "Since your last renewal or application was submitted, have you been

1 cited, arrested for, charged with or convicted of the commission of any crime, offense or
2 violation of the law in any state or by the federal government even if those charges were
3 dismissed?" Respondent answered "no." Her response was not true. Her failure to answer
4 truthfully violated ORS 675.825, attempt to obtain or to obtain a license renewal by fraudulent
5 representation, and ORS 675.745(1)(a) and (e), and ORS 833-100-0061(2).

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7 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8 The acts and conduct of Respondent described above violated ORS 675.745 and the
9 specified code of ethics as set forth below:

10 4.1 Respondent failure to respond truthfully to the question on her application and to
11 disclose her record of arrests and convictions in her applications for renewal violated ORS
12 675.825, ORS 675.745(1)(a) and (e) and OAR 833-100-0061(2).

13 4.2 Respondent's failure to report her arrest to the Board violated OAR 833-100-
14 0061(4).

15 4.3 Respondent's failure to answer truthfully on her application violated ORS
16 675.825, attempt to obtain or to obtain a license renewal by fraudulent representation, and ORS
17 675.745(1)(a) and (e), and ORS 833-100-0061(2)

18 5.

19 ORDER

20 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the license of Respondent Claudia L. Williams,
21 LPC, is placed under supervision for a minimum of one year. The supervisor must be pre-
22 approved by the Board Chair, and must meet face to face with Respondent at least twice a
23 month, and provide written quarterly reports to the Board. Respondent must pay a civil penalty
24 of \$500 in full within 60 days from the signing of this Order by the Board Chair, that she must
25 pay in full the assessed costs of the disciplinary process, and that Respondent must complete at
26 her own expense a fitness for duty evaluation, which will be provided directly to the Board by an

1 evaluator pre-approved by the Board Chair. Respondent must sign all necessary releases to
2 allow for full communication between the Board and the evaluator. The assessed costs of the
3 disciplinary process in this matter is \$245.00, which Respondent must pay in full within 60 days
4 from the date the Board Chair signs this Order.

5 DATED this 21 day of December, 2015.

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7 Oregon Board of Licensed Professional
Counselors and Therapists

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9 By 
DON THOMSON
Board Chair

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14 **Right to Judicial Review**

15 **NOTICE:** You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by
16 filing a petition for review with the Oregon Court of Appeals within 60 days after the final order
17 is served upon you. See ORS 183.482. If this Order was personally delivered to you, the date of
18 service is the day it was mailed, not the day you received it. If you do not file a petition for
19 judicial review within the 60 days' time period, you will lose your right to appeal.