

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: MARY P. JONES, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License No.: 0001-138169**

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on September 18, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Mary P. Jones' application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia, which was mandatorily suspended by the Department of Health Professions on August 6, 2013, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Jones may have violated certain laws governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Amanda E. M. Blount, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Jones was present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mary P. Jones was issued License No. 0001-138169 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on June 22, 1994. Said license was mandatorily suspended pursuant to § 54.1-2409 of the Code by Order of the Director of the Department of Health Professions on August 6, 2013.
2. Ms. Jones submitted an application for reinstatement of said license, which was received by the Board on May 23, 2014.
3. On April 17, 2013, Ms. Jones was convicted of embezzlement, a felony, in the Circuit Court of Albemarle County, Virginia. She was sentenced on July 3, 2013. This conviction formed the basis of the

mandatory suspension of her license to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Department of Health Professions.

4. Ms. Jones submitted evidence of completing 16 continuing education credits. She self-disclosed the conviction to the Board and took full responsibility for her actions. Ms. Jones acknowledged she had difficulty saying "no" to her supervisor at the school from which she embezzled funds. She performed several roles at the school, and she could not set firm professional boundaries as evidenced by her working at the school as a counselor, therapist, temporary director, janitor, paying employees, and purchasing supplies.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.


ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, by affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the Board at the hearing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The license of Mary P. Jones to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby REINSTATED contingent upon her providing the Board with verification that she has completed the following NCSBN online courses within 60 days of the date this Order is entered: *Respecting Professional Boundaries*.
2. Ms. Jones is hereby REPRIMANDED.
3. Ms. Jones shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.
4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Ms. Jones and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.

FOR THE BOARD



Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

October 22nd, 2014
ENTERED

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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