



# Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida

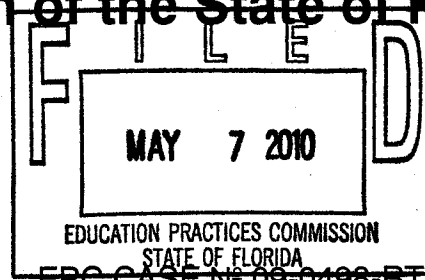
DR. ERIC J. SMITH  
Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner,

vs.

ERIC RIGGINS,

Respondent



EPC CASE N° 09-0498-RT  
DOAH CASE N° 09-5350PL  
INDEX N° 10-135-FOF  
PPS N° 078-3421-F  
CERTIFICATE N° 1003139

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## Final Order

This matter was heard by a Teacher Panel of the Education Practices Commission pursuant to Sections 1012.795, 1012.796 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, on April 9, 2010 in Tallahassee, Florida, for consideration of the Recommended Order entered in this case by Lisa Shearer Nelson, Administrative Law Judge dated February 10, 2010. Respondent was not present.

After reviewing the complete record accompanying the Recommended Order, the Recommended Order, and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission hereby adopts the findings of fact, (paragraphs 1-21), conclusions of law, (paragraphs 22-38), and the recommendation contained in the Recommended Order. The recommendation is modified to include a permanent bar to reapplication based on paragraph 31, where the administrative law judge found that Respondent engaged in gross immorality that cannot be condoned for a person who is supposed to be a positive role model for students. A copy of the Recommended Order, attached to and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted in full and becomes the Final Order of the Education Practices Commission.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that:

Respondent's Florida educator's certificate is hereby permanently revoked and Respondent is permanently barred from applying for another Florida educator's certificate.

This Order takes effect upon filing with the Clerk of the Education Practices Commission.

**DONE AND ORDERED**, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

  
BRIAN T. DONOVAN, Presiding Officer

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**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW**

A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES. REVIEW PROCEEDINGS ARE GOVERNED BY THE FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE. SUCH PROCEEDINGS ARE COMMENCED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE EDUCATION PRACTICES COMMISSION AND A SECOND COPY, ACCOMPANIED BY FILING FEES PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST DISTRICT, OR WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN THE APPELLATE DISTRICT WHERE THE PARTY RESIDES. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF RENDITION OF THIS ORDER.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Order was furnished to Eric Riggins, 4594 Chamber Court, Springhill, Florida 34609 by Certified U.S. Mail this 7 day of May, 2010.



DON SHIELDS  
Education Practices Commission