



Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida

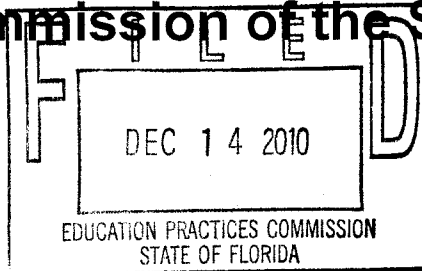
DR. ERIC J. SMITH
Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner,

vs.

ASHLEY JASON RICHARDS,

Respondent



EPC CASE N° 09-0564-RT
DOAH CASE N° 09-6375PL
INDEX N° 10-439-FOF
PPS N° 078-0047
CERTIFICATE N° 1019741

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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 November 5, 2010 in Tallahassee, Florida, for consideration of the Recommended Order entered in this case by William F. Quattlebaum, Administrative Law Judge dated August 20, 2010. Respondent was 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 1-17), conclusions of law, (paragraphs 18-32), and the recommendation contained in the Recommended Order. 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 is hereby issued a letter of reprimand.

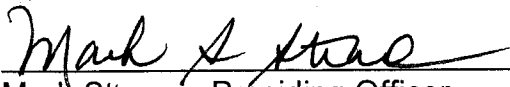
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DONE AND ORDERED, this 9 day of December, 2010.


Mark Strauss, Presiding Officer

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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

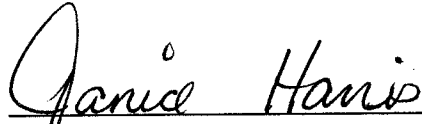
A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES. REVIEW PROCEEDINGS ARE GOVERNED BY THE FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE. SUCH PROCEEDINGS ARE COMMENCED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE EDUCATION PRACTICES 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 Ashley Jason Richards, 13630 1st Avenue, Winter Garden, Florida 34787 by Certified U.S. Mail this 14th day of DECEMBER, 2010.



Janice Harris,
Education Practices Commission



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December 9, 2010

Ashley Richards
13630 1st Avenue
Winter Garden, Florida 34787

Re: Dr. Eric J. Smith vs. Ashley Richards
EPC No.: 09-0564-RT; DOE No.: 1019741

Dear Mr. Richards:

As you know, the teacher panel of the Education Practices Commission reviewed the matter pending against you. The panel concluded that you violated the Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession prescribed by the State Board of Education rules and hereby reprimands you for the conduct alleged in the Administrative Complaint which is incorporated herein.

This panel, composed of your peers, believes that, as a teacher, you are required to exercise a measure of leadership beyond reproach. By your actions, you have lessened the reputation of all who practice our profession. The profession cannot condone your actions, nor can the public who employ us.

The Education Practices Commission sincerely hopes it is your intention to never allow this situation to occur again or indeed, to violate any professional obligation in fulfilling your responsibilities as an educator. To violate the standards of the profession will surely result in further action being taken against you.

This letter of reprimand is being placed in your state certification file, and a copy is being sent to the Orange County School Board for placement in your personnel file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Strauss".

Mark Strauss
Presiding Officer