

BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of	)	
	)	Case # 2017-5002
Stephanie L. Ross, CA Applicant	)	
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	)	FINAL DEFAULT ORDER
	)	<b>DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE</b>
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The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereafter "Board" or "OBCE") is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating, and disciplining chiropractic physicians and certified chiropractic assistants in the State of Oregon. Stephanie L. Ross (hereafter "Applicant"), applied for a license as a certified chiropractic assistant in Oregon

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

On February 2, 2017, the Board received Applicant's application for a certificate to practice as a certified chiropractic assistant in Oregon. On question five of the application, where Applicant was asked if she had ever been arrested or charged with a violation, misdemeanor or felony, Applicant responded yes. On question 4, she was asked if she ever received disciplinary sanction under any professional license or certification and she answered no.

In regards to her arrest and criminal history, Applicant divulged that she had a misdemeanor on her record from a 2002 Texas prostitution issue. However, she did not divulge an arrest she had on her record in 1989 from a Hit and Run charge in Portland, Oregon. In addition, Applicant failed to notify the Board that she had been disciplined by the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists in 2005 for advertising for massage and engaging or purporting to be in the practice of massage in Oregon without a license. On June 16, 2005, Applicant signed a stipulated final order with the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists where she agreed to a \$2500 fine.

In her response to the Board regarding her arrest and discipline history, Applicant indicated she was cited for practicing massage without a license. She also indicated she was accused of prostitution but did not address the hit and run charge in Portland, Oregon. Applicant did not provide a reason as to why she was not truthful on her application.

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The Board was concerned at Applicant's untruthfulness in her application and Applicant's arrest/conviction history and the types of arrests that were made by law enforcement.

3.

On April 17, 2017, the Board issued a Denial of CCA certificate notice to Applicant. In that notice, the Board notified Applicant that her file would be used for purposes of a default order as prima facie evidence. Applicant timely requested a hearing. On September 13, 2017, Applicant withdrew her request for hearing in writing to the Board. Applicant is now in default.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4.

The Board finds that the acts and conduct of Applicant, in her application and responses to such, are cause to refuse to grant a certificate to Applicant. The arrest and conviction history as noted above, is a violation of **OAR 811-010-0110(15)(a)(b)and (m)** unprofessional or dishonorable conduct and conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or a felony. The Board also feels that Applicant's dishonesty in the application regarding her conviction and arrest history is also unprofessional conduct. The Board also feels pursuant to ORS 670.280(3) the arrest history, convictions and massage board discipline are substantially related to the fitness and ability of the applicant to engage in the activity for which the license is required. In addition, Applicant's failure to respond to the Board inquiry for further information was in violation of OAR OAR 811-010-0110((16)(t).

#### ORDER

5.

It is hereby ordered that the application of Applicant Stephanie L. Ross for a Chiropractic Assistant is hereby denied pursuant to OAR 811-010-0110(15)(a), (b) and (m).

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

#### BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS State of Oregon

By:

Original signatures are on file in the OBCE administrative office.

Cassandra C. McLeod-Skinner J.D.

Executive Director

Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners

**Appeal Rights:**

You are entitled to judicial review of this order in accordance with ORS Chapter 183.480.


You may request judicial review by filing a petition in the Court of Appeals in Salem, Oregon within 60 days from the date of this order.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Cassandra C. McLeod-Skinner, certify that on September 15, 2017, I served the foregoing Final Default Order upon Ms. Ross the party hereto, by mailing, certified mail, postage prepaid, a true, exact and full copy thereof to:

Stephanie L. Ross  
692 SE Beaver Creet Ct  
Troutdale OR 97060

Original signatures are on file in the OBCE administrative office.

  
Cassandra C. McLeod-Skinner, J.D.  
Executive Director  
Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners