

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Professional Standards and Practices Committee

In Re: John D. Doud :
: PSPC Docket No. DI-91-02
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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

On April 2, 1991, the Department of Education, Office of Higher Education, filed with the Commission and served upon John D. Doud a "Notice of Charges" pursuant to section 13 of the Teacher Certification Law, as amended, 24 P.S. §12-1263. In the Notice of Charges, the Department has averred that a judgment of sentence has been imposed upon Mr. Doud for the crime of corrupting the morals of a minor in violation of section 6301(a) of the Crimes Code, 18 Pa.C.S. §6301(a). Attached to the Notice of Charges, it is alleged, is a certified copy of an order, entered February 5, 1991 in the Court of Common Pleas of Tioga County, imposing sentence upon Mr. Doud for the conviction.

The Department has averred that the judgment of sentence constitutes conviction of a crime of moral turpitude and that Mr. Doud's conduct averred in the Notice of Charges and reflected in documents attached to the Notice of Charges constitutes immorality for which discipline should be imposed. Pursuant to section 5(a)(11) of the Teacher Certification Law, as amended, 24 P.S. §12-1255(a)(11), the Department requests that the Commission

order the revocation of the Instructional I teaching certificate issued to Mr. Doud. The Department also avers that Mr. Doud "is a danger to the health, safety and welfare of students in the schools of this Commonwealth."

Mr. Doud did not respond to the Notice of Charges within 30 days after his receipt of the Notice on April 6, 1991 as provided by section 13(a) of the Teacher Certification Law, as amended, 24 P.S. §12-1263(a). Thus, the factual averments of the Notice of Charges are deemed to be true pursuant to 1 Pa. Code §35.37. Upon receipt of the Department's Motion for Judgment on Default requesting an order of revocation, and after notice to the parties, the Commission on June 13, 1991 held a closed meeting. After due deliberation, and upon roll call vote, the Commission has determined that Mr. Doud's conviction for corrupting the morals of a minor in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §6301(a) is a crime involving moral turpitude.¹

Therefore, pursuant to section 5(a)(11) of the Teacher Certification Law, as amended, 24 P.S. §12-1255(a)(11), the Commission hereby ORDERS the Department of Education to revoke all professional certificates held by John D. Doud. Further, because Mr. Doud is deemed to have admitted that he "is a danger

¹Because the Commission has concluded the crime of corrupting the morals of a minor is a crime of moral turpitude, the Commission need not determine whether Mr. Doud also engaged in immoral acts justifying revocation of his professional certificate.

to the health, safety and welfare of students in the schools of this Commonwealth," it is hereby further ORDERED pursuant to section 15(b) of the Teacher Certification Law, as amended, 24 P.S. §12-1265(b), that the Department immediately revoke Mr. Doud's certificates. The revocation will not be subject to the confidentiality provisions of section 10 of the Teacher Certification Law, as amended, 24 P.S. §12-1260.

Given under my hand this 13th day
of June, 1991

By: Howard R. Selekman
Howard R. Selekman
Chairman
Professional Standards and
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Attest: Warren D. Evans
Warren D. Evans
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