

IN THE MATTER OF  
JENNIFER TRIBBETT  
Applicant

\* BEFORE THE MARYLAND STATE  
\* BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL  
\* COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS  
\* CASE NUMBER: 2024-011

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**FINAL ORDER**

On or about November 21, 2023, the Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the “Board”) notified **JENNIFER TRIBBETT** (the “Applicant”) of the Board’s intent to deny her application to practice as an alcohol and drug trainee pursuant to the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act (the “Act”), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 17-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2022 Supp.).

The Notice also informed the Applicant that, unless she requested a hearing in writing within thirty (30) days of service of the Notice, the Board would sign the Final Order, which was enclosed. More than thirty (30) days have elapsed, and the Applicant failed to timely request a hearing.

Specifically, the Board bases its intent to deny on the following:

**Health Occ. § 17-509. Denial, probation, suspension or revocation of trainee status, license, or certificate.**

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 17-511 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny trainee status, a license, or a certificate to any applicant, place any trainee, licensee, or certificate holder on probation, reprimand any trainee, licensee, or certificate holder, or suspend, rescind, or revoke the status of any trainee,

a license of any licensee, or a certificate of any certificate holder if the applicant, trainee, licensee, or certificate holder:

...

- (10) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside[.]

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. On or about February 2, 2023, the Board received the Applicant’s Alcohol and Drug Trainee Application (the “Application”).
2. In her Application, the Applicant answered “yes” to question 2, which asked: “Have you pled guilty, *nolo contendere*, [*sic*] or been convicted of, received probation before judgment, or had a conviction set aside for any criminal act (excluding traffic violations)?”
3. The Applicant included in her Application court records regarding her criminal convictions.
4. Court records stated that on or around July 24, 2017, the Applicant pled guilty to Criminal Impersonation<sup>1</sup> in the State of Delaware Court of Common Pleas (Case Number 1707015520). The Applicant was sentenced to a one year suspended period of incarceration with one year of probation.

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<sup>1</sup> A person is guilty of criminal impersonation when the person: (1) impersonates another person and does an act in an assumed character intending to obtain a benefit or to injure or defraud another person. Del. Code Ann. tit. 11, § 907.

5. The Applicant also included a written explanation about the Criminal Impersonation conviction with her Application. Regarding the circumstances of the conviction, the Applicant stated that she was “pulled over after not making a complete stop in a large drug area. [She] gave the officer a fake name due to having capiases<sup>2</sup>...”. The Applicant further explained that she was later incarcerated and placed on probation upon her release but that she “went back on the run and did not report back to probation.”

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law:

The Applicant’s conduct, as described above, in whole or in part, constitutes violations of the Act and is a basis on which to deny her Application. Specifically, the Applicant’s conviction for Criminal Impersonation constitutes, in whole or in part: being convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside in violation of Health Occ. § 17-509(10).

### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 19th day of January 2024, by a majority of the Board considering this case:

**ORDERED** that the Applicant’s Application to practice as an alcohol and drug trainee in the State of Maryland is **DENIED**; and it is further

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<sup>2</sup> A capias is a writ ordering for the arrest of a named person.

**ORDERED** that this is a Final Order and as such is a **PUBLIC RECORD** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 – 4-601 (2014).

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**


Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 17-512(a), the Applicant has the right to take a direct judicial appeal. Any appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of this Final Order and shall be made as provided for judicial review of a final decision in the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act, Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-222; and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

If the Applicant files an appeal, the Board is a party and should be served with the court's process at the following address:

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At that point, the Administrative Prosecutor is no longer a party to this case and need not be served or copied.

01/19/2024  
Date

  
Winnie D. Moore, LCPC  
Board Chair  
Maryland State Board of Professional  
Counselors and Therapists