

Dr. Marta Stefan

Appellant

v.

The General Medical Council

Respondent

FROM

**THE HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE
GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL**

ORAL JUDGMENT OF THE LORDS OF THE JUDICIAL
COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL,
DELIVERED THE 9TH DECEMBER 1993

Present at the hearing:-

LORD TEMPLEMAN
LORD SLYNN OF HADLEY
LORD WOOLF

[Delivered by Lord Templeman]

This is an appeal from a direction of the Health Committee of the General Medical Council that, by reason of a determination that the doctor's fitness to practice was seriously impaired, her registration be conditional for a period of eight months upon her compliance with several requirements directed by the Committee. As the Committee pointed out, they have power to resume consideration of her case before the eight months have passed.

The doctor has appealed and has furnished written reasons for appeal and has also addressed their Lordships at great length. She feels very strongly that there have been procedural defects in the past, so she thinks, and she is not very happy with some of the evidence on which the Committee acted and she herself thinks she is fully fit to practice.

An appeal lies to the Board only on questions of law, but their Lordships have examined all the papers and all the material that was before the Health Committee. From the evidence which was before the Health Committee, it seems to their Lordships that not only was there no error in law but that the Committee were inevitably driven to make the order which they did make. It is a sad and unfortunate case but in the circumstances their Lordships will humbly advise Her Majesty that this appeal ought to be dismissed.