Module 9

There was a situation where I received a call from a temp agency I had worked for, on and off, a number of years. I had recently worked through them at a law firm for about 6 months. I made the decision to leave due to the pay, although they offered me a job through their firm and not the temp agency. The pay that was offered was awful, so I declined the offer. In the meantime, I had worked for a few months at a doctor’s office. I did not initially send updated information to the temp agency about that position. It was not in the legal field, so it wasn’t as relevant to the legal position that I was applying for. I ended up sending an update about the medical office job and I don’t think they sent it to the law firm I was interviewing with, but I felt better about it because I think I did the right thing. My delay in sending that update was troublesome to me. My reasoning concerning not sending the information initially was that the information was not really relevant, and I did not work in that position for very long. I think this thinking on my part was not appropriate because both the temp agency and the law firm I think, had the right to know about that employment regardless of how relevant I thought it was or how long I worked there. Both the temp agency and the law firm had the information before the interview, so I felt good about that.

Another situation I had involved one of my dance students (6 years of age). Her mother approached me about working with her to choreograph something for her for an upcoming pageant she was going to participate in. I agreed to do it and said that I wouldn’t create any dance that had movements that many pageants encourage that are less than innocent looking. I choreographed a tap dance to Happy Feet that was delightful and innocent, in my opinion. I think my student and her mother moved on to other pageants with probably a less innocent approach. With hindsight, I wish that I had chosen not to work with this student. I really did not like a lot of things about the pageant world and should have stayed away from it. Even though my reasoning was that by maintaining a positive, classy approach to what we were doing, ethically, I did not like the reality of how pageants for really young children could be. If I had declined becoming involved, I would have felt much better ethically and the mother and child may have found more of what they were looking for, even though I may not have liked the outcome but it would not have been any of my business to weigh in on that.