

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

In The Matter Of:

DOUGLAS JEWSON, D.D.S.)
(License No. 5503))

CONSENT ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) as authorized by G.S. 90-41.1(b) for consideration of a Consent Order in lieu of a formal administrative hearing. Based upon the consent of the parties, the Board enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this action under the authority granted to the Board in Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes (Dental Practice Act) and the Board's Rules and Regulations.

2. Douglas G. Jewson, D.D.S. (Petitioner) was licensed to practice dentistry in North Carolina on June 2, 1986 and holds license number 5503. At all times relevant hereto he was subject to the Dental Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations.

3. Prior to January 7, 2009, Petitioner was engaged in the practice of general dentistry in Greensboro, N.C.

4. Petitioner was charged with driving while impaired in 1997 and 2002. He was ultimately convicted of both charges.

5. The 2002 DWI charge arose from a motorcycle accident in which Petitioner was badly injured. He underwent 10 surgeries to his leg and shoulder following the accident and suffered from constant pain for which he was prescribed benzodiazepines. Petitioner was out of work for more than a year following the accident.

6. On September 26, 2008, Petitioner was charged with driving while impaired after he was involved in a single car accident.

7. In late September 2008, Petitioner sought out-patient treatment for substance abuse at the Ringer Center.

8. In October 2008, the Caring Dental Professionals (CDP) Program conducted an intervention with the Petitioner after a friend reported to the CDP that Petitioner had abused drugs and alcohol for years.

9. The Petitioner signed a CDP evaluation contract on October 27, 2008.

10. The Petitioner initially agreed to go to treatment at the Farley Center in Williamsburg, Virginia, but later advised the CDP that he could not afford the treatment. He elected to go to Fellowship Hall instead, against the advice of the CDP.

11. The Petitioner was admitted to Fellowship Hall's in-patient treatment program on November 4, 2008, where he remained until December 2, 2008.

12. The Petitioner was discharged from Fellowship Hall with a diagnosis of alcohol and benzodiazepine dependence.

13. On December 2, 2008, Petitioner began an intensive out patient program at Fellowship Hall.

14. On December 12, 2008, the CDP reported to the Dental Board that the Petitioner had violated his CDP contract by failing to sign up for urine drug screens and by missing a meeting with the CDP's Executive Director.

15. On December 29, 2008, the Petitioner appeared at a counseling session at Fellowship Hall while intoxicated and was discharged from the outpatient program.

16. Petitioner advised that he intended to commit suicide on December 29, 2009 and that he went to the Fellowship Hall meeting for the purpose of "saying goodbye." Petitioner went to a field where he had planned to shoot himself but was unable to bring himself to do so.

17. On January 19, 2009, the Petitioner was admitted to the Farley Center professionals' program, where he remained until his discharge on April 29, 2009. Petitioner was discharged from the Farley Center with a diagnosis of alcohol dependence.

18. The Petitioner worked for two days between his December 29, 2008 discharge from Fellowship Hall and his admission to Farley Center. He denies that he was impaired while at work, although he was not being monitored by the CDP during this period.

19. While at the Farley Center, Petitioner signed a new contract with the CDP.

20. The Farley Center treatment records indicate that Petitioner's living environment had a "lack of sober support" and a "compromised work/life balance."

21. Petitioner has been tested several times since his discharge from the Farley Center and has been negative for alcohol and intoxicants each time. He has otherwise complied with his CDP contract and the CDP's Executive Director advocated for the Petitioner's gradual return to the practice of dentistry.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and with the consent of the parties hereto, the Board enters the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and over the Petitioner's person.

2. The Petitioner has failed to establish a sufficient period of sobriety and compliance with his CDP contract and thereby has failed to demonstrate that he has sufficiently reformed to warrant reinstatement of his dental license.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and with the consent of the parties, the Board enters the following:

ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

1. License number 5503 issued to Petitioner for the practice of dentistry in North Carolina is hereby indefinitely suspended.

2. Petitioner may petition for reinstatement of his dental license on May 1, 2010, provided that, in the interim he complies with the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Petitioner shall violate no provision of the Dental Practice Act or the Board's Rules;
- (b) Petitioner must remain under CDP contract indefinitely, until further order of the Board.
- (c) Petitioner shall comply with all terms of his CDP contract.
- (d) Petitioner shall satisfy all requirements for maintaining an active dental license in this State.

3. Petitioner shall pay the investigative costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$170.00 within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

4. If Petitioner fails to report for a urine or drug screen after being selected for testing, or tests positive for drugs or alcohol at any time, he shall be deemed in violation of this Order.

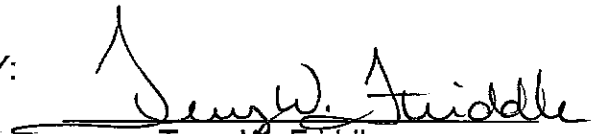
5. If Petitioner fails to comply with any provision of this Order or breaches any term or condition thereof, the Board shall promptly schedule a public show cause hearing to allow Petitioner an opportunity to show cause why Petitioner's license should not be immediately revoked. If as a result of the show cause hearing, the Board is satisfied that Petitioner failed to comply or breached

any term or condition of this Order, Petitioner's license shall be rescinded. The revocation of Petitioner's license shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any sanction the Board may impose as a result of future violations of the Dental Practice Act or of the Board's Rules.

This the 13th day of October, 2009.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry W. Friddle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end.

Terry W. Friddle
Deputy Operations Officer

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, DOUGLAS G. JEWSON, D.D.S. do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety. By signing this Statement of Consent I hereby assent to the terms and conditions set forth herein. I hereby express my understanding that the Board will report the contents of this Consent Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and that this Consent Order shall become a part of the permanent public record of the Board.

This the 5 day of October, 2009.



DOUGLAS G. JEWSON, D.D.S.