

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING ADMINISTRATION
BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

IN RE:

**BRUCE HOFFMAN, D.D.S.
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 502
Washington, D.C. 20004**

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CONSENT ORDER

Jurisdiction

This matter comes before the District of Columbia Board of Dentistry (the "Board") pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 *ff.* (2001), otherwise known as the Health Occupations Revision Act (the "HORA"). The HORA, at D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.01(b) (2001), authorizes the Board of Dentistry to regulate the practice of Dentistry in the District of Columbia.

Background

On August 4, 2004, the Board of Dentistry received a complaint alleging that on or about July 19-22, 2004, and July 26, 2004, Dr. Hoffman permitted a dental applicant to engage in the unlicensed practice of dental hygiene in his office located at 1331 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 502, Washington, D.C. 20004. At the time she performed the procedures at issue, the dental applicant, Dvasha Stollman, D.M.D., had an application pending for licensure to practice dentistry, not dental hygiene, in the District of Columbia.

In a letter to the Board of Dentistry, dated September 30, 2004 and by affidavit dated March 1, 2005, Dr. Hoffman admitted that Dvasha Stollman, D.M.D., had engaged in the practice of dental hygiene, (performed prophylaxes), in his office during a one-week period while his dental hygienist was on vacation. Dr. Hoffman stated that Dvasha Stollman, D.M.D., was licensed in Maryland and her application for licensure was pending in the District.¹ Dr. Hoffman stated that he was present in his office during that time to supervise Dvasha Stollman, D.M.D. Dr. Hoffman stated that at that time, he understood that a dentist licensed in another jurisdiction could perform prophylaxes in his office.

¹ Dvasha Stollman, D.M.D., obtained her license to practice dentistry in Maryland August 2, 2004, license number 13412.

D.C. Official Code §3-1205.01 (2001) provides, in pertinent part:

A license . . . is required to practice . . . dental hygiene . . . in the District [of Columbia]

Thus, Dr. Stollman was required to be licensed as a dental hygienist for the period of time that she practiced dental hygiene in Dr. Hoffman's office.

D.C. Official Code §3-1205.14 (2001) provides, in pertinent part:

"Each board, subject to the right of a hearing as provided by this subchapter, on an affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may take one or more of the disciplinary actions provided in subsection (c) of this section against any applicant, licensee . . . regulated by the board in the District who:

(a)(12) Willfully practices a health occupation with an unauthorized person or aids an unauthorized person in the practice of a health occupation.

On November 10, 2004, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Board of Dentistry voted to request that a Notice of Intent to Discipline ("NOI") be prepared for Dr. Hoffman. Upon receipt of the NOI, Dr. Hoffman submitted a timely request for a hearing in this matter. On February 9, 2005 at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Board of Dentistry voted to offer Dr. Hoffman a consent order in lieu of a hearing in this matter, which Dr. Hoffman accepted.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED that BRUCE HOFFMAN, D.D.S. shall pay a fine in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and return this signed Consent Order.

3-9-05
Date

Dr. Robert G. Ray
Robert G. Ray, D.M.D.
Chairperson,
Board of Dentistry

CONSENT OF APPLICANT

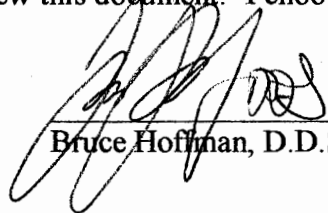
My signature on the foregoing Consent Order signifies my acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Consent Order and my agreement to be bound by its provisions.

I acknowledge the validity of this order, as if made after a hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural due process protections provided by the laws of the District of Columbia.

I also recognize that, by this Consent, I am waiving my right to appeal this Order. I am also waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board of Dentistry had this matter gone to a hearing.

I have had an opportunity to review this document. I choose willingly to sign this Order, and I understand its meaning and effect.

4/13/05
Date


Bruce Hoffman, D.D.S.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 13 day of April, 2005.

SHONZIA ARRINGTON
Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires February 28, 2009


Notary Public

Dr. Hoffman shall return this Consent Order along with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 made payable to "D.C. Treasurer" to Bonnie Rampersaud, Executive Director, D.C. Board of Dentistry, 717 14th Street, N.W., Suite 600, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005.

This Consent Order is the Final Order of the Board in this disciplinary matter and a public record and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank as required by law.