

BEFORE THE KANSAS DENTAL BOARD

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KANSAS DENTAL BOARD

In the Matter of)
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KELLY D. BRIDENSTINE, D.D.S.)
Kansas License No. 6672)

Case No. 08-12

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the Kansas Dental Board (the "Board") and Kelly D. Bridenstine, D.D.S. (the "Respondent") as follows:

1. The Board is represented herein by its attorney, Randall J. Forbes of Frieden & Forbes, 555 South Kansas Avenue, Suite 303, Topeka, Kansas 66603. The Respondent is represented herein by his attorney, Mark W. Stafford of Holbrook & Osborn, P.A., 7400 West 110th Street, Suite 600, Overland Park, KS 66210.

2. The Board is the Kansas agency vested with the authority, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-1404 and K.S.A. 74-1406, to carry out and enforce the provisions of the Kansas Dental Law, K.S.A. 65-1401 *et seq.*, including conducting hearings and proceedings to revoke, suspend or otherwise discipline a Kansas license to practice dentistry.

3. The Respondent is presently entitled to engage in the practice of dentistry in the State of Kansas by reason of the Board having issued him Kansas license number 6672. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent has held a current license to engage in the practice of dentistry in the State of Kansas.

4. The Board has received certain information, has investigated and has determined that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Respondent has committed an act or acts in violation of the Kansas Dental Act, K.S.A. 65-1401 *et seq.*

5. Respondent has been advised of the Board's allegations and, except as otherwise stated herein, specifically denies each of those allegations. If the allegations were to be resolved through a formal hearing, Respondent would submit contemporaneous patient records, including progress notes and x-ray images, supported by witness testimony from patients and staff, establishing that as the primary care giver Respondent provided professional services consistent with the applicable standard of care.

6. Respondent does not dispute that if the matter were to go to a formal hearing the Board would compel, and for the purpose of this Stipulation and Consent Order does compel him to testify that he permitted an unlicensed assistant to perform interproximations under his authority and supervision for the purpose of removing less than .01 mm of enamel as necessary for Invisalign devices, that an interproximation is a service using a thin abrasive strip for the purpose of providing sufficient space between the contact points of adjacent teeth for the Invisalign device, and that the unlicensed assistant was formally trained to perform the service by Invisalign instructors. Respondent would further state that he remained in charge and responsible for the patient care, that he believed he was authorized to delegate such service, and that did not intentionally violate the Kansas Dental Act. The Board concludes that Respondent engaged in conduct constituting grounds for disciplinary action under K.S.A. 65-1436(b)(5).

7. Respondent disputes allegations that unlicensed persons were permitted to perform other non-delegable tasks. Respondent personally performed those tasks, simultaneously dictated notes to office staff for documentation, and then authenticated the documentation by his signature. Respondent has taken steps to assure that patient records will clearly identify the person who performs a task and will identify the person who recorded the

notes from Respondent's dictation. The Board has reviewed the process and accepts the process as adequate assurance of appropriate documentation practice.

8. Notwithstanding the disputes of fact, the Board and Respondent desire to resolve this matter without a formal hearing. The Board hereby assesses an administrative fine in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500), payable to the Board within ten (10) days following the effective date of this Order.

9. This Stipulation and Consent Order resolves all disputes and controversies between the Board and Respondent known as of the date of its adoption by the Board. This Stipulation and Consent Order is not intended to prevent the Board from receiving and investigating complaints following the effective date of this Stipulation and Consent Order for conduct not previously known to the Board but occurring prior to the effective date of this Stipulation and Consent Order.

10. The Respondent agrees and consents, and the Board finds and concludes, that the following disposition is just and appropriate under the circumstances:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE FINE. Respondent agrees, and the Board further orders the Respondent, to pay to the Board, within ten (10) days of the effective date to the Stipulation and Consent Order contemplated hereby, an administrative fine in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500).

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that as a condition of this Stipulation and Consent Order he must, and the Board further orders the Respondent to:

1. Comply fully with this Stipulation and Consent Order; and

2. Comply fully with the Kansas Dental Act, the Board's rules and regulations and all state and federal laws relating to Kansas dentists.

11. Respondent agrees that all information in the possession of the Board's Investigation Member, its staff, its investigators and its attorney regarding the complaint which led to this disciplinary action, the investigation of the complaint and all information discovered during the pendency of the disciplinary action may be disclosed to and considered by the Board as part of the presentation and consideration of the proposal of settlement in the form of this Stipulation and Consent Order, with or without the presence of the Respondent or his attorney. In the event that this Stipulation and Consent Order is not accepted and approved by the Board, the Respondent further waives any objection to the Board members' consideration of this Stipulation and Consent Order or the information mentioned in the preceding sentence and further agrees to waive any claim of due process violation or the right to seek the disqualification of any Board member as a result of the Board member's consideration of said document and information.

12. The stipulations and orders contained herein shall not become binding until this Stipulation and Consent Order is approved and entered by the Board. The Respondent acknowledges that the approval of the Board's attorney shall not constitute the approval of the Board or bind the Board to approve this Stipulation and Consent Order.

13. The Respondent agrees that this Stipulation and Consent Order is in conformance with Kansas and federal law and the Board has jurisdiction to enter into it. The Respondent further agrees that the Kansas Dental Act, K.S.A. 65-1421 *et seq.*, is constitutional on its face and as applied in this case.

14. This stipulation constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and may only be modified by a subsequent writing signed by them. The agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas.

15. The Respondent acknowledges that he has the following rights:

A. To have formal notice of charges served upon him;

B. To file a response to the charges;

C. To have notice of and participate in a formal adjudicative hearing with the Board making specific findings of facts and conclusions of law based only upon evidence admitted at such hearing; and

D. To take advantage of all applicable provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act and the Act For Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement of Agency Action.

The Respondent freely waives these rights and acknowledges that said waiver is made voluntarily and in consideration of the Board's limiting the disciplinary action taken against him to those provided for herein. The Respondent further waives the right to seek reconsideration or appeal or otherwise contest this Stipulation and Consent Order.

16. The Respondent acknowledges that he enters into this Stipulation and Consent Order freely and voluntarily after consultation with counsel of his choosing. The Respondent further acknowledges that he has read this Stipulation and Consent Order in its entirety, that he understands its legal consequences and that he agrees that none of its terms are unconscionable, arbitrary or capricious.

17. Time is of the essence to this Stipulation and Consent Order. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that any violation of this Stipulation and Consent Order shall constitute

a willful violation of a lawful Board order and grounds for further disciplinary action against him. The pendency of any disciplinary action arising out of an alleged violation of this Stipulation and Consent Order shall not affect the obligation of Respondent to comply with all terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Consent Order.

18. This Stipulation and Consent Order constitutes the entire and final agreement of the parties. In the event any provision of this Stipulation and Consent Order is deemed invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall be severed and the remaining provisions of this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be given full force and effect.

19. Upon execution by all parties and entry as an order by the Board, this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be a public record in the custody of the Board.

20. This Stipulation and Consent Order shall become effective on the day it is approved, accepted and made an order of the Board by way of signature of the Board's President or the President's authorized representative.

21. The Respondent acknowledges that he has been advised by the Board that he would have the right within 15 days after service of this Stipulation and Consent Order to file a petition for reconsideration with the Board and the right within 30 days after service of the Stipulation and Consent Order to file a petition for judicial review in the District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas in accordance with the Kansas Act for Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement of Agency Actions, K.S.A. 77-601 *et seq.*, and to serve such a petition for judicial review on the Kansas Dental Board by serving Betty Wright, its Executive Director, at 900 SW Jackson, Room 564-S, Topeka, KS 66612. The Respondent hereby waives those rights.

ENTERED AND EFFECTIVE this 12th day of February, 2010.

KANSAS DENTAL BOARD

By: Jane A. Criser, RDH., vice president
RICHARD DARNALL, D.D.S.
President

AGREED AND APPROVED BY:

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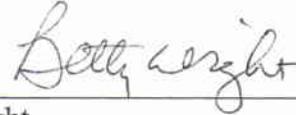
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing **STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER** was served by depositing same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, this 16th day of February, 2010, addressed to:

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