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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
WILLIAM BASSAK, D.D.S.,	:	92 DEN 130
RESPONDENT.	:	

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.53 are:

William Bassak
18581 Beach Drive # 4
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. William Bassak (D.O.B. 8/09/50) is duly licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a dentist (license # 5001674). This license was first granted on June 22, 1976.

2. Respondent's latest address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 912 Pearl Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. Respondent's actual current address is 18581 Beach Drive # 4, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.

3. Respondent is the subject of alcohol dependency syndrome. He has been exposed to inpatient treatment as follows: St. Croix Hospital, 21 days in 1983; St. Mary's Hospital of Minneapolis, 28 days in 1990; and Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital, 14 days in 1991, followed by recovery house treatment for three months, ending April 19, 1991.

4. Respondent has suffered ruptured discs at C-5 and C-6, resulting in severe back pain, numbness and ulner nerve dysfunction of indeterminate duration.

5. Because of his condition and disability Respondent has been unable to practice as a dentist with reasonable skill or safety to patients.

6. Respondent is not currently engaged in the active practice of dentistry, and his sole means of support is a disability income allowance.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action against his license to practice as a dentist in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 447.07(3) (g) and (h), and Wis. Adm. Code sec. DE 5.02(2) and DE 5.02(4).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license of William Bassak to practice as a dentist in the state of Wisconsin is SUSPENDED for an indefinite period of time. Respondent may petition the Board for reinstatement of his license, and as a reasonable accommodation to Respondent the Dentistry Examining Board may require proof to its satisfaction that Respondent does not have a chemical dependence, physical, or physiological condition that would impede his ability to safely practice dentistry. In the event that the Board grants reinstatement of Respondent's license, the Board may impose such limitations and conditions upon the license as the Board deems appropriate at the time. Denial in whole or in part of a petition under this paragraph shall not constitute denial of a license and shall not give rise to a contested case within the meaning of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.01(3) and 227.42.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information".

This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

By: Thomas E. Braniff DDS
A Member of the Board

9-19-94
Date

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	STIPULATION
WILLIAM BASSAK, D.D.S.,	:	92 DEN 130
RESPONDENT	:	

It is hereby stipulated between William Bassack, personally on his own behalf and James W. Harris, Attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, as follows that:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation of Respondent's licensure by the Division of Enforcement. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by stipulation and without the issuance of a formal complaint.

2. Respondent understands that by the signing of this Stipulation he voluntarily and knowingly waives his rights, including: the right to a hearing on the allegations against him, at which time the state has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to call witnesses on his behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify himself; the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision; the right to petition for rehearing; and all other applicable rights afforded to him under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

3. Respondent is aware of his right to seek legal representation and has been provided the opportunity to seek legal advice prior to signing this stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Dentistry Examining Board. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Enforcement for further proceedings. In the event that this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. Attached to this Stipulation is the current licensure card of Respondent. If the Board accepts the Stipulation, Respondent's license shall be reissued in accordance with the terms of the attached Final Decision and Order. If the Board does not accept this Stipulation, the license of Respondent shall be returned to him with a notice of the Board's decision not to accept the Stipulation.

7. The parties to this stipulation agree that the attorney for the Division of Enforcement may appear before the Dentistry Examining Board for the purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the members of the Board may have in connection with their deliberations on the stipulation.

8. The Division of Enforcement joins Respondent in recommending the Dentistry Examining Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

William Bassak D.D.S.
William Bassak, D.D.S.

6/26/94
Date

James W. Harris
James W. Harris, Attorney
Division of Enforcement

8/17/1994
Date

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NOTICE OF APPEAL INFORMATION

Notice Of Rights For Rehearing Or Judicial Review, The Times Allowed For Each, And The Identification Of The Party To Be Named As Respondent.

Serve Petition for Rehearing or Judicial Review on:

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD.

1400 East Washington Avenue

P.O. Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708.

The Date of Mailing this Decision is:

SEPTEMBER 23, 1994.

1. REHEARING

Any person aggrieved by this order may file a written petition for rehearing within 20 days after service of this order, as provided in sec. 227.49 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. The 20 day period commences the day of personal service or mailing of this decision. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)

A petition for rehearing should name as respondent and be filed with the party identified in the box above.

A petition for rehearing is not a prerequisite for appeal or review.

2. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Any person aggrieved by this decision may petition for judicial review as specified in sec. 227.53, *Wisconsin Statutes* a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. By law, a petition for review must be filed in circuit court and should name as the respondent the party listed in the box above. A copy of the petition for judicial review should be served upon the party listed in the box above.

A petition must be filed within 30 days after service of this decision if there is no petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after service of the order finally disposing of a petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any petition for rehearing.

The 30-day period for serving and filing a petition commences on the day after personal service or mailing of the decision by the agency, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of any petition for rehearing. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)