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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

DONALD W. CAMOSY, D.D.S.
RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
90 DEN 88

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

Donald W. Camosy, D.D.S.
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Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
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Madison, WI 53708-8935

This matter comes directly before the Dentistry Examining Board ("Board") pursuant to a Stipulation executed by Respondent Donald W. Camosy, D.D.S. and the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement by its attorney Richard Castelnuovo.

In the Stipulation, Respondent admitted certain facts and agreed that the Board could reach certain Conclusions of Law. The Stipulation provided that the parties could submit written argument on the issue of what, if any, discipline should be imposed based on the facts and conclusions of law established by the Stipulation.

The Board reviewed the Stipulation and considered it acceptable. In accordance with the Stipulation, written arguments on disposition were presented to and considered by the Board.

Based on the Stipulation and the record, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Donald W. Camosy ("Camosy") is and was at all times relevant to the events set forth herein a dentist licensed to practice in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license # 5000391, granted in June, 1967.

2. On or about June 27, 1990, another practitioner referred a patient to Camosy with written instructions to extract teeth nos. 5, 13, 17, and 18 and a notation that teeth nos. 5 and 13 are now hurting.

3. On or about June 29, 1990, Camosy extracted teeth nos. 13, 17, and 18. Tooth no. 2 was extracted instead of tooth no. 5.

4. Camosy would testify that he has practiced for twenty one (21) years as an oral surgeon without any other such incidents occurring.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Secs. 15.08(5) and 447.07(3), Wis. Stats.

2. The Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Sec. 227.44(5), Wis. Stats.

3. Respondent Donald W. Camosy is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to sec. DE 5.02(5), Wis. Adm. Code, by practicing in a manner which substantially departs from the standard of care ordinarily exercised by a dentist which harms or could have harmed a patient.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondent Donald W. Camosy (license # 5000391) be, and hereby is, REPRIMANDED.

OPINION

Respondent's error was a substantial departure from the standard of care expected of the average practitioner. Discipline is appropriate, because the error was easily avoided. The instructions to extract tooth # 5 were unambiguous and in writing. In fact, the brief instructions made two references to tooth # 5. The first reference directed that the tooth be extracted and the second indicated that the tooth hurt the patient. Imposing discipline in this cases conveys the message to practitioners that greater care should be employed to prevent these kinds of avoidable errors.

A reprimand is the least severe discipline that can be imposed. Education does not achieve an appropriate disciplinary objective. This error did not result from a lack of knowledge.

The Rights of the party aggrieved by this decision to petition the board for a rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth in the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."

Dated this 6 day of November, 1991.

WISCONSIN DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

by: Ean C. Dull DRS

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

DONALD W. CAMOSY, D.D.S.
RESPONDENT.

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STIPULATION
90 DEN 88

It is hereby stipulated between Donald W. Camosy, personally on his own behalf and the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement by its attorney Richard Castelnuovo, as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation of licensure of Donald W. Camosy ("Respondent") by the Division of Enforcement (90 DEN 88). Respondent consents to the resolution of the factual and legal issues raised by this investigation by Stipulation without the issuance of a formal complaint.
2. The parties agree that this Stipulation shall be presented directly to the Dentistry Examining Board for the purpose of imposing discipline if warranted by the facts and conclusions agreed to herein.
3. Respondent is aware and understands his rights to contest the factual and legal issues in a disciplinary proceeding, including the right to a statement of the allegations against him; the right to a hearing at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to call witnesses on his behalf and to compel attendance of witnesses 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.
4. Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the rights set forth in paragraph 3 above, on the condition that all of the provisions of this Stipulation are approved by the Board.
5. Respondent is aware of his right to seek legal representation and has been provided the opportunity to obtain legal advice prior to execution of this Stipulation.
6. As a part of this agreement, Respondent for the purpose of this proceeding only admits the following facts:
 - a. Donald W. Camosy ("Camosy") is and was at all times relevant to the events set forth herein a dentist licensed to practice in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license # 5000391, granted on June 26, 1967.
 - b. On or about June 27, 1990, another practitioner referred a patient to Camosy with written instructions to extract teeth nos. 5, 13, 17, and 18 and a notation that teeth nos. 5 and 13 are now hurting.

- c. On or about June 29, 1990, Camosy extracted teeth nos. 13, 17, and 18. Tooth no. 2 was extracted instead of tooth no. 5.
- d. Camosy would testify that he has practiced for twenty one (21) years as an oral surgeon without any other such incidents occurring.

7. As a part of this agreement, Respondent for the purpose of this proceeding only agrees that the Board may reach the following conclusions:

- a. The Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Secs. 15.08(5) and 447.07(3), Wis. Stats.
- b. The Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board is authorized to adopt this Stipulation pursuant to Sec. 227.44(5), Wis. Stats.
- c. Respondent Donald W. Camosy is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to sec. DE 5.02(5), Wis. Adm. Code, by practicing in a manner which substantially departs from the standard of care ordinarily exercised by a dentist which harms or could have harmed a patient.

8. The parties agree that the Board at its next regularly schedule meeting may consider the issue of what, if any, discipline should be imposed based on the facts and conclusions of law established by this Stipulation. In regard to the Board's deliberation, the parties further agree that the Board may consider written argument on the question of disposition. The parties intend that no further evidence be introduced or received to controvert or re-litigate the matters admitted by Respondent in paragraph 6 above.

9. The Division of Enforcement agrees not to recommend any suspension, revocation or other loss of license as discipline, and the Division further agrees not to pursue costs of the proceeding to which it might be entitled if a formal disciplinary action were commenced.

10. Respondent acknowledges and understands that the Board is neither party nor bound by this agreement except to the extent that it adopts this Stipulation and in deciding the question of disposition is free to impose any discipline allowed by law. Respondent further acknowledges and understands that he may not seek to withdraw his admission and agreement based on any discipline imposed by the Board.

11. Respondent acknowledges and understands that discipline authorized by law includes but is not limited to revocation, suspension or limitation of his license, and a reprimand.

12. Respondent acknowledges that no threats, promises, representations or other inducements have been made, nor agreements reached, other than those set forth in this Stipulation, to induce Respondent to enter into this agreement.

13. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation or the proposed Final Decision and Order, 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.

14. If the Board accepts the terms of this Stipulation, the parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of a Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties.

15. Respondent understands and agrees that should the Board issue a Final Decision and Order adopting the terms of the Stipulation and imposing discipline, the Final Decision and Order shall be published in the Monthly Disciplinary Report issued by the department, and a summary of the Board's order adopting the terms of the Stipulation shall be published in the Wisconsin Regulatory Digest issued semiannually by the department.

16. Respondent agrees that an attorney from the Division of Enforcement may appear at any deliberative meeting of the Board with respect to this Stipulation but that appearance is limited to statements solely in support of the Board's adoption of this Stipulation and for no other purpose including the presentation of arguments concerning disposition.

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


Donald W. Camosy

10/9/91

Date


Richard M. Castelnuevo, Attorney
Division of Enforcement

October 15, 1991

Date

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)**

The following notice is served on you as part of the final decision:

1. Rehearing.

Any person aggrieved by this order may petition for a rehearing within 20 days of the service of this decision, as provided in section 227.49 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a copy of which is attached. The 20 day period commences the day after personal service or mailing of this decision. (The date of mailing of this decision is shown below.) The petition for rehearing should be filed with the State of Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board.

A petition for rehearing is not a prerequisite for appeal directly to circuit court through a petition for judicial review.

2. Judicial Review.

Any person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review of this decision as provided in section 227.53 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a copy of which is attached. The petition should be filed in circuit court and served upon the State of Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board

within 30 days of service of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing, or within 30 days of service of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any petition for rehearing.

The 30 day period commences the day after personal service or mailing of the decision or order, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of any petition for rehearing. (The date of mailing of this decision is shown below.) A petition for judicial review should be served upon, and name as the respondent, the following: the State of Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board.

The date of mailing of this decision is November 7, 1991.

227.49 Petitions for rehearing in contested cases. (1) A petition for rehearing shall not be a prerequisite for appeal or review. Any person aggrieved by a final order may, within 20 days after service of the order, file a written petition for rehearing which shall specify in detail the grounds for the relief sought and supporting authorities. An agency may order a rehearing on its own motion within 20 days after service of a final order. This subsection does not apply to s. 17.025 (3) (e). No agency is required to conduct more than one rehearing based on a petition for rehearing filed under this subsection in any contested case.

(2) The filing of a petition for rehearing shall not suspend or delay the effective date of the order, and the order shall take effect on the date fixed by the agency and shall continue in effect unless the petition is granted or until the order is superseded, modified, or set aside as provided by law.

(3) Rehearing will be granted only on the basis of:

(a) Some material error of law.

(b) Some material error of fact.

(c) The discovery of new evidence sufficiently strong to reverse or modify the order, and which could not have been previously discovered by due diligence.

(4) Copies of petitions for rehearing shall be served on all parties of record. Parties may file replies to the petition.

(5) The agency may order a rehearing or enter an order with reference to the petition without a hearing, and shall dispose of the petition within 30 days after it is filed. If the agency does not enter an order disposing of the petition within the 30-day period, the petition shall be deemed to have been denied as of the expiration of the 30-day period.

(6) Upon granting a rehearing, the agency shall set the matter for further proceedings as soon as practicable. Proceedings upon rehearing shall conform as nearly may be to the proceedings in an original hearing except as the agency may otherwise direct. If in the agency's judgment, after such rehearing it appears that the original decision, order or determination is in any respect unlawful or unreasonable, the agency may reverse, change, modify or suspend the same accordingly. Any decision, order or determination made after such rehearing reversing, changing, modifying or suspending the original determination shall have the same force and effect as an original decision, order or determination.

227.52 Judicial review; decisions reviewable. Administrative decisions which adversely affect the substantial interests of any person, whether by action or inaction, whether affirmative or negative in form, are subject to review as provided in this chapter, except for the decisions of the department of revenue other than decisions relating to alcohol beverage permits issued under ch. 125, decisions of the department of employee trust funds, the commissioner of banking, the commissioner of credit unions, the commissioner of savings and loan, the board of state canvassers and those decisions of the department of industry, labor and human relations which are subject to review, prior to any judicial review, by the labor and industry review commission, and except as otherwise provided by law.

227.53 Parties and proceedings for review. (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, any person aggrieved by a decision specified in s. 227.52 shall be entitled to judicial review thereof as provided in this chapter.

(a) 1. Proceedings for review shall be instituted by serving a petition therefor personally or by certified mail upon the agency or one of its officials, and filing the petition in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county where the judicial review proceedings are to be held. If the agency whose decision is sought to be reviewed is the tax appeals commission, the banking review board or the consumer credit review board, the credit union review board or the savings and loan review board, the petition shall be served upon both the agency whose decision is sought to be reviewed and the corresponding named respondent, as specified under par. (b) 1 to 4.

2. Unless a rehearing is requested under s. 227.49, petitions for review under this paragraph shall be served and filed within 30 days after the service of the decision of the agency upon all parties under s. 227.48. If a rehearing is requested under s. 227.49, any party desiring judicial review shall serve and file a petition for review within 30 days after service of the order finally disposing of the application for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any such application for rehearing. The 30-day period for serving and filing a petition under this paragraph commences on the day after personal service or mailing of the decision by the agency.

3. If the petitioner is a resident, the proceedings shall be held in the circuit court for the county where the petitioner resides, except that if the petitioner is an agency, the proceedings shall be in the circuit court for the county where the respondent resides and except as provided in ss. 77.59 (6) (b), 182.70 (6) and 182.71 (5) (g). The proceedings shall be in the circuit court for Dane county if the petitioner is a nonresident. If all parties stipulate and the court to which the parties desire to transfer the proceedings agrees, the proceedings may be held in the county designated by the parties. If 2 or more petitions for review of the same decision are filed in different counties, the circuit judge for the county in which a petition for review of the decision was first filed shall determine the venue for judicial review of the decision, and shall order transfer or consolidation where appropriate.

(b) The petition shall state the nature of the petitioner's interest, the facts showing that petitioner is a person aggrieved by the decision, and the grounds specified in s. 227.57 upon which petitioner contends that the decision should be reversed or modified. The petition may be amended, by leave of court, though the time for serving the same has expired. The petition shall be entitled in the name of the person serving it as petitioner and the name of the agency whose decision is sought to be reviewed as respondent, except that in petitions

for review of decisions of the following agencies, the latter agency specified shall be the named respondent:

1. The tax appeals commission, the department of revenue

2. The banking review board or the consumer credit review board, the commissioner of banking.

3. The credit union review board, the commissioner of credit unions.

4. The savings and loan review board, the commissioner of savings and loan, except if the petitioner is the commissioner of savings and loan, the prevailing parties before the savings and loan review board shall be the named respondents.

(c) A copy of the petition shall be served personally or by certified mail or, when service is timely admitted in writing, by first class mail, not later than 30 days after the institution of the proceeding, upon each party who appeared before the agency in the proceeding in which the decision sought to be reviewed was made or upon the party's attorney of record. A court may not dismiss the proceeding for review solely because of a failure to serve a copy of the petition upon a party or the party's attorney of record unless the petitioner fails to serve a person listed as a party for purposes of review in the agency's decision under s. 227.47 or the person's attorney of record.

(d) The agency (except in the case of the tax appeals commission and the banking review board, the consumer credit review board, the credit union review board, and the savings and loan review board) and all parties to the proceeding before it, shall have the right to participate in the proceedings for review. The court may permit other interested persons to intervene. Any person petitioning the court to intervene shall serve a copy of the petition on each party who appeared before the agency and any additional parties to the judicial review at least 5 days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.

(2) Every person served with the petition for review as provided in this section and who desires to participate in the proceedings for review thereby instituted shall serve upon the petitioner, within 20 days after service of the petition upon such person, a notice of appearance clearly stating the person's position with reference to each material allegation of the petition and to the affirmance, vacation or modification of the order or decision under review. Such notice, other than by the named respondent, shall also be served on the named respondent and the attorney general, and shall be filed, together with proof of required service thereof, with the clerk of the reviewing court within 10 days after such service. Service of all subsequent papers or notices in such proceeding need be made only upon the petitioner and such other persons as have served and filed the notice as provided in this subsection or have been permitted to intervene in said proceeding, as parties thereto, by order of the reviewing court.