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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	ORDER DENYING EXTENSION OF
	:	STAY OF SUSPENSION AND
CATHERINE A. LARSEN, D.D.S.,	:	REINSTATING SUSPENSION
RESPONDENT.	:	

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The parties to this proceeding for the purposes of sec. 227.53, Stats., are:

Catherine A. Larsen, D.D.S.  
W6751 Firelane 5  
Menasha, WI 54952

State of Wisconsin  
Dentistry Examining Board  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708

At its meeting on September 4, 1996, the State of Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board reviewed information received indicating that the respondent, Catherine A. Larsen, has violated conditions contained within the Final Decision and Order dated May 3, 1995, that she remain free of alcohol and refused a request from her employer to obtain a blood or urine screen.

Based upon information received, respondent has failed to comply with the terms and conditions contained within her Final Decision and Order dated May 3, 1995. Accordingly, the State of Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board adopts the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Catherine A. Larsen, hereinafter the respondent, W6751 Firelane 5, Menasha, Wisconsin 54952, was issued a license to practice dentistry in the State of Wisconsin, number 3121, on June 23, 1983.
2. On May 3, 1995, the State of Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board issued a Final Decision and Order which suspended the license of respondent to practice dentistry for a period of five (5) years, but provided for the stay of the suspension at three month intervals, conditioned upon respondent's compliance with the terms and limitations contained within the Order.

3. The basis for the board's action was a finding that from at least 1992 through May 1994, respondent had abused alcohol and on numerous occasions such alcohol abuse had interfered with her practice of dentistry.

4. One of the conditions contained in paragraph 2.a. of the board's Order of May 3, 1995, provided in material part that: "Respondent shall remain free of alcohol. . . ."

5. Information received by the board from respondent's employer indicates that several staff members at respondent's place of employment believe respondent to have provided dental services to patients while intoxicated, on or about July 19, 1996. Respondent admitted to a physician to having drunk alcohol to the point of intoxication the evening before the day in question.

6. Respondent has failed to comply with the condition contained in paragraph 2.a. of the board's Order of May 3, 1995, that she remain free of alcohol.

7. One of the conditions contained in paragraph 2.c.(4) of the board's Order of May 3, 1995, provided in material part that

"If the . . . Respondent's employer . . . deems that additional blood or urine screens are warranted, Respondent shall submit to such additional screens as requested or recommended."

8. Information received by the board from the respondent's employer indicates that on the evening of on or about July 19, 1996, and pursuant to the information conveyed to him by staff members, respondent was requested several times during two telephone conversations to obtain a urine screen. On or about July 22, 1996, respondent informed her employer that she had not obtained the requested urine screen "due to lack of transportation". Respondent later admitted to a physician to having not obtained the requested urine screen because of her "discouragement at the whole rigorous procedure of random urines. . . ."

9. Respondent has failed to comply with the conditions contained in paragraph 2.c.(4) of the board's Order of May 3, 1995.

10. Paragraph 6 of the board's Order of May 3, 1995, provides as follows:

"Violations of Order. Violation of any term of this Order or of any law substantially relating to the practice of Dentistry may result in summary suspension of respondent's license; denial of an extension of a stay of suspension; imposition of additional conditions and limitations; or the imposition of other additional discipline, including revocation of license."

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The State of Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board has jurisdiction in this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 447, Stats.

2. The State of Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board has the authority to enter the following Order pursuant to Chapter 447, Stats., and the provisions within the Final Decision and Order dated May 3, 1995.

### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stay of suspension of the license of Catherine A. Larsen to practice as a dentist in the State of Wisconsin is hereby terminated.

FURTHERMORE, IT IS ORDERED that the five (5) year suspension of respondent's license provided in the Final Decision and Order dated May 3, 1995, is reinstated.

FURTHERMORE, IT IS ORDERED, that respondent may request a hearing upon the determination that he has violated or failed to comply with the prior board order, which will be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in Ch. RL 1, Wis. Adm. Code, only if the request for hearing is filed within thirty (30) days after the mailing of this Order.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1996.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

James A. Sievert, D.D.S.  
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