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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SESSO BELLA SPA, INC. and KIM WAHL-RUPPENTHAL, RESPONDENTS.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0000 649

Division of Enforcement Case File Number 08 BAC 163

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Sesso Bella Spa, Inc. 69 East First Street Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

Kim Wahl-Ruppenthal 69 East First Street Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935

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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 Wisconsin Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board (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. Respondent Sesso Bella Spa, Inc. is duly licensed as a barbering and cosmetology establishment in the state of Wisconsin, having license number 80-29714, first issued on April 5, 2001 and current until March 31, 2011. Sesso Bella Spa, Inc.'s most recent address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing (Department) is 69 East First Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935.

- 2. Respondent Kim Wahl-Ruppenthal is duly licensed as a barbering or cosmetology manager in the state of Wisconsin, having license number 81-18778, first granted on October 10, 1988 and current until March 31, 2011. Ms. Wahl-Ruppenthal's most recent address on file with the Department is 69 East First Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935. Ms. Wahl-Ruppenthal is identified in Department records as the owner and manager of Sesso Bella Spa, Inc.
- 3. During April and May 2008, Sarah Galligan practiced barbering or cosmetology for payment at Sesso Bella Spa, Inc. At the time, Ms. Galligan was a student at a cosmetology school but did not hold a barbering or cosmetology license.
- 4. In resolution of this matter, Respondents Sesso Bella Spa, Inc. and Kim Wahl-Ruppenthal consent to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Wisconsin Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 454.15, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. By the conduct described in paragraph 3 of the Findings of Fact, Respondents Sesso Bella Spa, Inc. and Kim Wahl-Ruppenthal violated Wis. Admin. Code § BC 2.04(1) by permitting an unlicensed individual to practice barbering and cosmetology.
- 3. As a result of these violations, Respondents Sesso Bella Spa, Inc. and Kim Wahl-Ruppenthal are subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 454.15(2)(i).

### **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Sesso Bella Spa, Inc. (license #80-29714) and Kim Wahl-Ruppenthal (license #81-18778) are hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Within 180 days from the date of this order, Sesso Bella Spa, Inc. shall pay a FORFEITURE in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and COSTS in the amount of two hundred fifteen dollars (\$215.00), for a total payment of seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715.00). Within 180 days from the date of this order, Kim Wahl-Ruppenthal shall pay a FORFEITURE in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and COSTS in the amount of two hundred fifteen dollars (\$215.00), for a total payment of seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and sent to:

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Division of Enforcement
Post Office Box 8935
Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8935
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- 3. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Sesso Bella Spa, Inc.'s license to practice as a barbering and cosmetology establishment (license number 80-29714) and Kim Wahl-Ruppenthal's license to practice as a barbering or cosmetology manager (license number 81-18778). The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Sesso Bella Spa, Inc. or Kim Wahl-Ruppenthal fail to timely submit payment of the forfeitures and costs as ordered, Sesso Bella Spa, Inc.'s license (number 80-29714) and/or Kim Wahl-Ruppenthal's license (number 81-18778) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Sesso Bella Spa, Inc. and Kim Wahl-Ruppenthal have complied with payment of the forfeitures and costs.
  - 4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

By: <u>January</u> Boeck 1-31-11

A member of the Board Date