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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ZOLYA GELLER, D.D.S.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0006523

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 DEN 012

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

Zolya Geller, D.D.S.
200 W. Silver Spring Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53217

Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Dentistry 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, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Zolya Geller, D.D.S., (DOB April 7, 1950) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice dentistry, having license number 3090-15, first issued on January 13, 1983, and current through September 30, 2019. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 200 West Silver Spring Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217.
2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a dentist at a dental office (Office), located in Wisconsin.
3. In August 2007, Patient A began seeing Respondent for teeth pain.

4. Patient A returned to Respondent five (5) times, between August 2007 and February 2014, for root canals.

5. On October 30, 2011, Respondent decided to continue treatment on Patient A by placing a crown at tooth #30 following indication that tooth #30 was short filled and showed incomplete root canal therapy. The crown placed at tooth #30 had overhangs.

6. On January 3, 2012, Patient A presented to Respondent with a chief complaint of pain at tooth #18 and Respondent performed root canal therapy.

7. On January 5, 2012, Respondent diagnosed Patient A's tooth #18 as having remaining occlusal decay following the root canal therapy.

8. On May 7, 2012, Respondent seated a crown on tooth #13 but there was no radiograph to value and diagnosis the seating of the crown.

9. Records from January 23, 2014, show Respondent performed a root canal on tooth #6 and the length of the treatment was approximately 20 mm when it should have been between 26 and 32 mm. Respondent performed the treatment and the result was a short canal.

10. In February 2014, Patient A began treatment with Doctor B and had x-rays taken.

11. Doctor B informed Patient A that the x-rays showed multiple failing root canals.

12. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 447.07, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Zolya Geller, D.D.S., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § DE 5.02(5), by practicing in a manner which substantially departs from the standard of care ordinarily exercised by a dentist or dental hygienist which harms or could have harmed a patient.

3. As a result of the above violations, Zolya Geller, D.D.S., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 447.07(3)(a).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Zolya Geller, D.D.S., is REPRIMANDED.

3. The license to practice dentistry issued to Zolya Geller, D.D.S., (license number 3090-15) is LIMITED as follows:

- a. Within 180 days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete ten (10) hours of education on the topic of root canals and eight (8) hours of education on the topic of the placement of crowns and/or prosthetics offered by a provider pre-approved by the Board's monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses.
- b. The following education has been pre-approved by the Board and, upon completion of all listed courses, will satisfy the requirements of this limitation:
 - i. Intense Endodontics: A 2 Day Hands-on Workshop, located at the Hands-On Dental Education Center in South Hackensack, New Jersey on November 8-9, 2019. Respondent will earn seventeen (17) credits toward the completion of this limitation upon completion of this course.
 - ii. New Alternative for Patients – Long-Term Chairside Fabricated Crowns, presented as an interactive, live webinar on November 11, 2019. Respondent will earn one (1) credit towards the completion of this limitation upon completion of this course.
- c. Any further education completed pursuant to this Order shall be taken in-person. Education, such as webinar, online, or self-study shall not be approved.
- d. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below.
- e. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.
- f. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Board or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all of the ordered education.

4. The license to practice dentistry issued to Zolya Geller, D.D.S. (license number 3090-15) is further LIMITED as follows:

- a. The Respondent is prohibited from performing endodontic treatment on patients.
- b. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Board or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all of the ordered education in paragraph 3 of this Order.

5. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Zolya Geller, D.D.S., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$686.00.

6. Request for approval of courses, proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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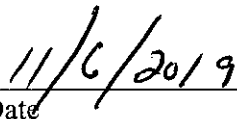
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7. In the event that Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (no. 3090-15) to practice dentistry in the state of Wisconsin may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative, refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

8. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

by: 
A Member of the Board


Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0006523

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 DEN 012

Respondent Zolya Geller, D.D.S., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance,
Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the
Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this
investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily
and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, 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 Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by
subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- 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 Respondent under the United States Constitution,
the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code,
and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has
been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. The
Respondent is represented by Attorney Stacie H. Rosenzweig.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by
the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board (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 then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the 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. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

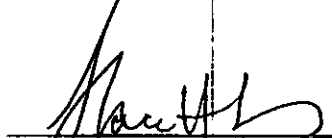
7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



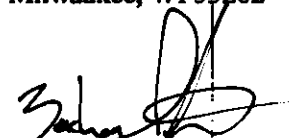
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