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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH

In re: Joseph J. Steele

Petition No. 2006-1020-020-029

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmeticians (hereinafter "the Board") is a state agency charged with the regulation of the professional practice of hairdressing and cosmetology;

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Steele of East Lyme, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") was issued license number 040430 to practice hairdressing and cosmetology by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department"), under the General Statutes of Connecticut, Chapter 387;

WHEREAS, the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-9 provides that no person shall engage in the practice of medicine and surgery in this State until he is issued a license by the Department;

WHEREAS, respondent admits that, from 2004 through 2006 respondent used a device that delivered light energy from a rotating laser that was beyond the scope of his practice as a hairdresser;

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut §19a-11 to issue an appropriate order to any person found to be violating an applicable statute; and,

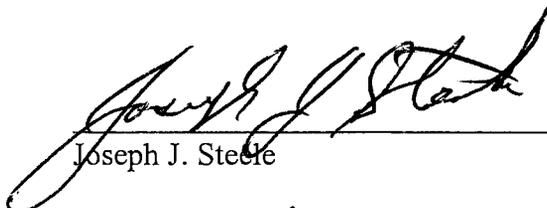
WHEREAS, respondent agrees that the above allegations shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-9 and 19a-10 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter 387 and §19a-11 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. He waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. His license number 040430 to practice as a hairdresser and cosmetologist in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
4. He agrees to cease and desist in employing laser light therapy or in any other licensed practice that is beyond the scope of hairdressing.
5. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, that said Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
6. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.

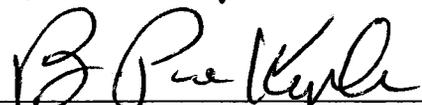
7. This Consent Order is effective after the last signature is affixed to this document.
8. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Branch of Healthcare Systems of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for said Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that said Board has complete and final discretion as to whether or not an executed Consent Order is approved or granted.
9. Respondent understands that he has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
10. This Consent Order is a matter of public record.
11. Respondent understands that this Consent Order shall be considered evidence of the above admitted violations in any subsequent proceeding in which (1) his compliance with this Consent Order is at issue, or (2) his compliance with the provisions of Title 20 of the Connecticut General Statutes is at issue.
12. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau.

I, Joseph J. Steele, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms and allegations as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.



Joseph J. Steele

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April 2008.



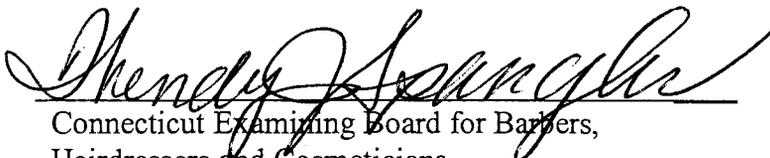
Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation
Comm System Court

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 5th day of May 2008, it is hereby accepted.



Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
Healthcare Systems Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Board on the 25 day of Aug. 2008, it is hereby ordered and accepted.



Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers,
Hairdressers and Cosmeticians