

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH

In re: Jeffrey Meyer, Embalmer

Petition No. 2008-0731-030-005

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Meyer of Bristol (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 002180 to practice as an embalmer by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 385 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the respondent admits that:

1. At all relevant times, respondent was the embalmer/manager of Dunn Funeral Home in Bristol, CT.
2. At various times between 1992 and 2008, respondent established and accepted payments for pre-need funeral service contracts, but failed to appoint escrow agents and to deposit the funds into escrow accounts within 15 days as required.
3. At various times between 1992 and 2008, respondent established and accepted payments for pre-need funeral service contracts, but failed to maintain proper documentation of payments received for the pre-need funeral service contracts, and/or failed to keep records of funeral services and merchandise sold and purchased.
4. At various times prior to 2009, respondent discarded or destroyed pre-need funeral contract files that had been transferred to other funeral homes.
5. At various times between 1992 and 2008, respondent deposited funds received for pre-need funeral service contracts into the funeral home's checking account, and/or diverted such funds to pay funeral home and/or personal expenses.

6. At various times since 1994, respondent used the funds received from approximately 30 pre-need funeral service contracts to pay for insurance policies he sold to families and from which he received commissions and was the beneficiary.
7. During approximately June 2008, respondent supplied an outer burial container for the funeral of R.R. which was of a lesser value than the one purchased by the 4/13/07 pre-need funeral service contract, and failed to refund the proper difference to the family.
8. The above-described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, including but not limited to:
  - a. §20-222(g)(1);
  - b. §20-227(2);
  - c. §20-227(4);
  - d. §20-227(5);
  - e. §42-202;
  - f. §42-203; and/or
  - g. §42-206.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Board of Examiners for Embalmers and Funeral Directors (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-227 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-17 and 20-227 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 002180 to practice as an embalmer in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.

3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) 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. The first payment of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be due thirty (30) days after the date this Consent Order becomes effective, and the second payment shall be due six (6) months after the date of the first payment.
4. Respondent's license shall be suspended for a period of forty-five days.
5. Following said suspension, respondent's license shall be placed on probation for a period of two years under the following terms and conditions:
  - a. Respondent shall obtain at his own expense, the services of a certified public accountant, pre-approved by the Department (hereinafter "supervisor"), to conduct a review of all of respondent's funeral home accounts, including funding for pre-need and escrow accounts.
    - (1) Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to his supervisor.  
Respondent's supervisor shall furnish written confirmation to the Department of his or her engagement in that capacity and receipt of a copy of this Consent Order within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this Consent Order.
    - (2) Respondent's supervisor shall conduct such review and meet with him not less than once every month for the first six months of his probationary period and quarterly for the remainder of the probationary period.
    - (3) The supervisor shall have the right to monitor respondent's practice by any other reasonable means which he or she deems appropriate. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the supervisor in providing such monitoring.
    - (4) Respondent shall be responsible for providing written supervisor reports directly to the Department, monthly for the first six months, and then quarterly for the remainder of the probationary period. Such supervisor's reports shall include documentation of dates and duration of meetings with respondent,

number and a general description of the records reviewed, additional monitoring techniques utilized, and statement that respondent is practicing with reasonable skill and safety.

- b. Within the first six months of the probationary period, respondent shall attend and successfully complete a course in ethics, pre-approved by the Department. Within two weeks of the completion of such coursework, respondent shall provide the Department with proof, to the Department's satisfaction, of the successful completion of such course(s).
  - c. Respondent's records and funeral home shall be subject to additional unannounced inspections by the Department during the probationary period.
  - d. Respondent shall notify the Department immediately if he discovers any additional pre-need funeral service contracts he has entered into but which have not been funded.
6. All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:
- Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant  
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR  
P.O. Box 340308  
Hartford, CT 06134-0308
7. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.
  8. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his licensure.
  9. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
  10. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:

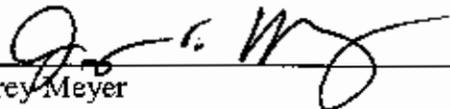
- a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
  - b. Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
  - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 10.a. above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that he has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that he has cured the violation in question.
  - d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation within the fifteen (15) days specified in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, he shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
  - e. Evidence presented to the Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
11. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of his license before the Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.
  12. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Systems Branch of the Department.

13. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.
14. Respondent understands this Consent Order may be considered as a public document and evidence of the above-admitted violations in any proceeding before the Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors in which his compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-227 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
15. In the event respondent violates a term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as an embalmer, upon request by the Department, with notice to the Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45-day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall be considered by the Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors and shall, as a matter of law, constitute a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c). The Department and respondent understand that the Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors has complete and final discretion as to whether a summary suspension is ordered.
16. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
17. 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, this Order is not subject

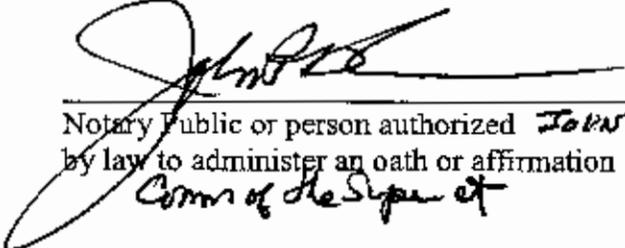
to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

18. 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.
19. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Healthcare Systems Branch to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
20. Respondent understands and agrees that he is responsible for satisfying all of the terms of this Consent Order during vacations and other periods in which he is away from his residence.
21. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
22. 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. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only, and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
23. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

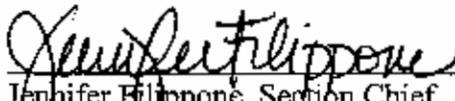
I, Jeffrey Meyer, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

  
Jeffrey Meyer

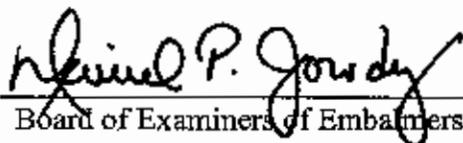
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Oct 2009.

  
Notary Public or person authorized John P. Drury  
by law to administer an oath or affirmation  
Comm of the Superior

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 7th day of October 2009, 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 of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors on the 20th day of October 2009, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

  
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

December 15, 2009

Jeffrey Meyer, Embalmer  
191 West Street  
Bristol, CT 06010

Re: Consent Order  
Petition No. 2008-0731-030-005  
License No. 002180

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Please accept this letter as notice that your license suspension has ended, effective December 15, 2009. Your license probation continues until December 15, 2011.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in this process.

Very truly yours,

Olive Tronchin, HPA  
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

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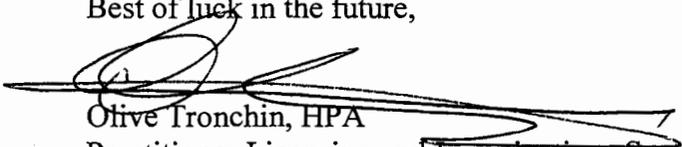
Please accept this letter as notice that you have satisfied the terms of your license effective December 15, 2011.

Notice will be sent to the Department's Licensure and Registration section to remove all restrictions from your embalmer license related to the above-referenced Consent Order.

Please be certain to retain this letter as documented proof that you have completed your license probation.

Thank you for your cooperation during this process.

Best of luck in the future,

  
Olive Tronchin, HPA  
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

✓ c: Jennifer Filippone



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