

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH**

In re: Paul Beckert, L.O.

Petition No. 2010-5674

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Paul Beckert of Wallingford, CT (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 001278 to practice as an optician by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 381 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent admits that:

1. On August 26, 2009, the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians (hereinafter "the Board") ordered a Memorandum of Decision in Petition No. 2008-1105-038-003 that suspended respondent's license for a period of six (6) months and concurrently placed his license on probation for a period of one (1) year. Said Memorandum of Decision required, in part, that respondent attend and successfully complete a course in medical ethics, during the first six (6) months of the probationary period. To date, respondent has not completed said coursework.
2. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-154.

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, 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 20-154 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-154 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 001278 to practice as an optician in the State of Connecticut is hereby suspended until such time as he provides the Department with proof, to the Department's satisfaction, of the successful completion of a course in medical ethics, pre-approved by the Board.
3. 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

4. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his licensure.
5. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
6. 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 6a 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 which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
 - e. Evidence presented to the Board 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. This Consent Order is effective on the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
10. Respondent understands this Consent Order shall be deemed as a public document and evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Board in which his compliance with this Consent Order or with Chapter 381 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at

issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

11. 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. Respondent understands that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
14. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
15. 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.
16. 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, Paul Beckert, 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.

Paul Beckert
Paul Beckert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of January 2011.



[Signature]
Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 2nd day of February 2011, it is hereby accepted.

Jennifer Filippone
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 FOR OPTICIANS on the 2nd day of MARCH 2011, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

[Signature]
CT Board of Examiners for Opticians

s:lif/Beckert/CO



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

June 7, 2012

Paul R. Beckert, L.O.
40 Wooding Road
Wallingford, CT 06492-2242

Re: Consent Order
Petition No. 2010-5674
License No. 001278

Dear Mr. Beckert:

Please accept this letter as notice that your license suspension was lifted effective May 29, 2012. The letter that was dated for May 29, 2012, please disregard.

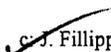
Notice will be sent to Department's Licensure and Registration section to remove all restrictions from your license related to the above-referenced Consent Order.

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.

Respectfully,

Olive Tronchin, HPA
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

 C. J. Fillippone



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