

**STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

IN RE:
CELINE BERNIER
License No. 014.0002203

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Docket No: 2012-468

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

NOW COMES the State of Vermont, by and through its State Prosecuting Attorney Edward G. Adrian and the Respondent Celine Bernier and hereby stipulate and further agree as follows:

Authority

1. The Vermont Board of Dental Examiners ("Board") has jurisdiction to investigate and adjudicate allegations of unprofessional conduct committed by dentists, dental surgeons, dental hygienists, and dental assistants pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§129, 129a and 814; 26 V.S.A. §§767 and 809; the Administrative Rules of the Board of Dental Examiners ("RBDE"); and the Rules of the Office of Professional Regulation.

Stipulated Facts

2. Celine Bernier (the "Respondent") of Newport, Vermont is registered as a dental assistant by the State of Vermont under license number 014.0002203. This registration was originally issued on or about May 12, 2006 and expires on September 30, 2013.
3. On or about May 23, 2012, in Vermont Superior Court, Orleans Division, under docket number 139-3-11 Oscr, Respondent pled guilty to the felony, Embezzlement (13 V.S.A. § 2531).

Violations

4. The act(s), omission(s), and/or circumstance(s) described above constitute grounds for discipline because the Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct in violation of:
 - a. 3 V.S.A. § 129a(a)(10) (Conviction of a crime related to the practice of the profession or conviction of a felony, whether or not related to the practice of the profession).

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Understandings

5. The parties understand that the terms of this Stipulation and Consent Order are contingent upon review and acceptance by the Board and that if the Board rejects any portion the entire Stipulation and Consent Order shall be null and void.
6. The Respondent has read and reviewed this document fully and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.
7. This Stipulation and Consent Order is entered into voluntarily by the Respondent after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel. The Respondent has not been coerced by anyone into signing this Stipulation and Consent Order.
8. The Respondent is voluntarily waiving her right to a contested hearing before the Board and waives any right to appeal from this Stipulation and Consent Order.
9. Respondent agrees that the Order set forth below may be entered by the Board.
10. The Respondent agrees to pay any and all costs associated with this Stipulation and Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER

Based upon the above stipulation, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

- A. The Board of Dental Examiners hereby **CONDITIONS** the Respondent's license for a period of **THREE (3) YEARS**. The conditions are as follows:
 - a. Within ten (10) days of the date of entry below, the Respondent shall provide this Stipulation and Consent Order to her current employing dentist. Within thirty (30) days of the commencement of any new position in the dental profession, the Respondent shall provide a copy of this Stipulation and Consent Order to her new employing dentist. Proof of this condition shall be the written acknowledgement by the Respondent's current and prospective employing dentist to the Board.
 - b. Six (6) months from the date of entry below and every six (6) months thereafter, the Respondent's employing dentist shall submit a status report to the Board indicating whether the Respondent's work performance has been satisfactory or not.
 - c. At the end of three (3) years, the Respondent may petition the Board to have these conditions removed.
- B. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. §129(a).

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C. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of the Respondent's licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

AGREED TO: STATE OF VERMONT

SECRETARY OF STATE

Dated: 6/14/13

By:

Edward G. Adrian
State Prosecuting Attorney

CELINE BERNIER
RESPONDENT

Dated: June 3, 2013

By:

Celine Bernier
Celine Bernier

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

Dated: June 10, 2013

By:

Heather Rider Hammond
Heather Rider Hammond, Esq.

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL
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Dated: 7-10-2013

By:

Katherine C. [Signature]
Chairperson

Date of Entry: 7-10-13

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