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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF | : | |
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| Steven Lax, D.D.S. | : | Administrative Action |
| License No. 22DI02093000 | : | |
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| TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY | : | ORDER OF SUMMARY |
| IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY | : | SUSPENSION |
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry (Board) upon receipt of information revealing the following:

1. Respondent, Steven Lax, D.D.S., is the holder of License No. 22DI02093000 and was licensed to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey from November 15, 1999 until October 31, 2007 after which time respondent permitted his license to lapse.

2. In July, 2004, patient C.S. filed a complaint against respondent, and subsequently two more complaints have been filed by N.E. and L.G., in addition to a complaint about an advertisement

distributed to patients. To date, none of these pending complaints have been resolved.

3. On March 29, 2009, patient D.S. filed a complaint against respondent. On April 13, 2009, the Board sent a letter to respondent's attorney, Frank A. Viteritto, requesting a written response and dental records. Mr. Viteritto responded on April 22, 2009 indicating that he no longer represents respondent. The Board attempted to contact respondent at his last known phone number and it was disconnected.

4. Respondent's failure to submit his biennial renewal application in 2007, resulting in a lapsed license status, provides grounds to automatically suspend Respondent's license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 2nd day of September, 2009,
ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended by operation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1, without a hearing.

2. In the event that Respondent seeks reinstatement of his New Jersey dental license at any time in the future, this Order shall require Respondent to appear before the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry to discuss all patient complaints and the reasons underlying the failure to resolve such complaints filed

against him, and to establish he is fit to practice dentistry in New Jersey.

3. The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry reserves the right to take disciplinary action against respondent's license, including but not limited to suspension, revocation and/or the imposition of a civil penalty, based on the underlying allegations of the patient complaints, and place restrictions and/or limitations upon his license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
DENTISTRY

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