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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action
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John P. Leonard, D.M.D. : ORDER GRANTING
License No. DI 10467 : UNRESTRICTED LICENSE
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TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was first opened to the State Board of Dentistry (Board) upon the application of John Leonard, D.M.D. for an unrestricted license following a Consent Order filed August 15, 2003 which reinstated Dr. Leonard's license to practice dentistry subject to conditions.

By way of history, Dr. Leonard previously entered into an Interim Consent Order on November 14, 2001 based on his relapse into substance abuse. Pursuant to that Order, Dr. Leonard agreed to cease writing prescriptions for CDS and to enroll in and comply with the recommendations of the Physicians Health Program of the Medical Society of New Jersey (PHP). In addition, Dr. Leonard agreed to an order of automatic suspension upon failure to comply with the terms of the November 14, 2001 Order. Dr. Leonard relapsed into substance abuse and entered into a Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Licensure on December 4, 2002

pursuant to which he surrendered his license for a minimum of six months from the date of his cessation of practice on July 31, 2002. After that, on August 15, 2003, Dr. Leonard entered into a Consent Order of Reinstatement subject to conditions including, but not limited to, random urine screens, continued participation in PHP, continued group therapy sessions and self-help group meetings, and limitations on his prescription privilege.

In support of his current application for an unrestricted license, Dr. Leonard provided letters from Dr. Edward Reading, Assistant Director, Professional Assistance Program (PAP) and Dr. Louis E. Baxter, Executive Medical Director, PAP dated December 28, 2009 and January 12, 2010. The PAP attested to his continued recovery, noting that he has undergone the required urine screens all of which were negative for illicit drug use, continues to attend three to four self-help group meetings a week, has an AA Sponsor and Home Group, and that he now has documented three and a half years of recovery since his DUI and had documented seven years of recovery prior to that.

The Board is satisfied that Dr. Leonard has complied with the prior Orders, fulfilled all PAP requirements, participated appropriately in urine testing, attended self-help meetings, and appears to have been in stable recovery for almost four years.

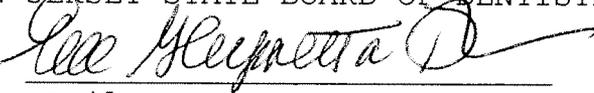
The Board having determined that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare,

IT IS ON THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2010

ORDERED:

1. John Leonard, D.M.D. is hereby granted an unrestricted license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: 

Emil G. Cappetta, D.M.D.
Board President