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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 APPLICATION OF :

Administrative Action

JOANNE TOBIAS, D.D.S. :

**CONSENT ORDER
REACTIVATING LICENSE**

License # 22DI 014281 :

TO HAVE LICENSE TO PRACTICE
DENTISTRY IN THE STATE OF
NEW JERSEY REACTIVATED :

This matter is before the Board on the application of Joanne Tobias, D.D.S. ("Dr. Tobias" or "respondent") for reactivation of her license to practice dentistry. Dr. Tobias, initially licensed in New Jersey in 1983, is also known as Joanne Baker or Joanne Tobias Baker. Dr. Tobias placed her license on inactive (paid) status in October 2005 and has held her license in that status since that time.

In or about October 2009, respondent was indicted in the State of New York and charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a felony, on allegations that she had

stolen funds in excess of \$3000 from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and further charged with Insurance Fraud in the Third Degree, a felony, on allegations that she wrongfully took, obtained and withheld, or attempted to take, obtain or withhold, money in excess of \$3000 from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. On or about May 19, 2010, respondent was convicted on a plea of guilty to the charges. She was sentenced to six months confinement and 5 years probation. On November 21, 2014, with the consent of the New York City Department of Probation, the motion of Dr. Tobias (under the name Joanne Baker) to terminate her sentence of probation was granted. Based on her conviction, respondent surrendered her dental license in the State of New York, effective February 16, 2011. Her license remains surrendered in New York.

In seeking to reactivate her license in New Jersey, Dr. Tobias described the conduct underlying the convictions (conduct related to dental treatment rendered between 2006 and 2008), the volunteer service she has engaged in, and the continuing education she has completed.

Respondent's 2010 conviction for grand larceny and insurance fraud provides a basis for discipline under N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) as she has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude and relating adversely to an activity regulated by the Board. The action of New York State in accepting the surrender of her license provides a basis for discipline under N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g).

The Board has determined that it will reactivate Dr. Tobias's license, but will impose a reprimand based on the criminal conviction and the New York State action against her license. The Board notes that respondent's past conduct was a serious and substantial

offense, and it will not tolerate any deviation from accepted standards of practice, including adherence to all laws and regulations governing the practice of dentistry in this State.

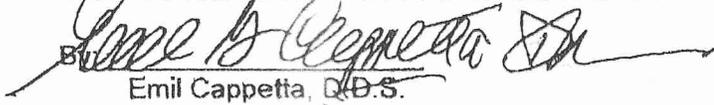
The Board, therefore, finds that approving the reactivation under the terms imposed by this order is both appropriate and consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare.

THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS 5th DAY OF January, ²⁰¹⁶ 2015,

ORDERED THAT:

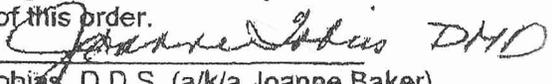
1. Joanne Tobias, D.D.S., a/k/a Joanne Baker, is reprimanded based on the criminal conviction in New York State and on the action of the Division of Licensing Services of the New York State Education Department.
2. The license of Joanne Tobias, D.D.S., to practice dentistry is reinstated, subject to the terms of this order and payment of required fees.
3. Respondent shall notify the Board of the name(s) under which she will practice in this State, and change her name of record as appropriate.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY



Emil Cappetta, D.D.S.
Board President

I have read and I understand the terms of this order and agree to be bound by it. I consent to the entry of this order.



Joanne Tobias, D.D.S. (a/k/a Joanne Baker)

December 22, 2015

Date