

SUMMARIES OF RECENT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Decision One

Dr. Douglas Caine
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ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

- Failed to comply with an order of a panel of the Discipline Committee (para. 52).

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

- The member was found guilty of professional misconduct at a Discipline hearing in 2004. The Discipline panel had imposed a penalty, which included a suspension of 12 months. The member acknowledged that he engaged in the practice of dentistry during the period of suspension. In particular, he acknowledged that he performed recall examinations for a number of patients and that he performed restorative treatment for three patients.

DECISION

1. Finding

- The member pleaded guilty and was found guilty of professional misconduct with respect to the stated allegation.

2. Penalty

- Reprimand.
- Certificate of Registration suspended for a period of 90 days. (The dates of suspension are not known at time of publication.)

3. Costs/Publication

- Member to pay costs to the College in the amount of \$3,500.
- Pursuant to the legislation, publication of this matter includes the member's name and address.

4. Panel's Reasoning

- Member was genuinely unaware of the suspension, since he or his legal counsel did not attend the full hearing and since he did not review the College's written notice of the suspension due to a medical absence from his practice.
- Member had complied with the other requirements of the Discipline Order.
- Member was remorseful and co-operative.
- Panel satisfied that the penalty provides general deterrence to the profession and specific deterrence to the member.
- Penalty was the result of a joint submission from the parties.