

SUMMARIES OF RECENT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Decision Four

Dr. William Moebus
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ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

- Signed or issued a certificate, report or similar document that he knew or ought to have known contained a false, misleading or improper statement (para. 28).
- Charged a fee that was excessive or unreasonable in relation to the services performed (para. 31).

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

- College's investigation revealed that there were amounts billed to and/or paid on behalf of 28 patients for restorations that had not been rendered, based on either post-treated radiographs or examination by a subsequent treating dentist.
- Since these restorations were not provided as billed, it follows that the fees charged for them were excessive and/or unreasonable.
- In order to collect fees and have patients reimbursed for dental work, including, in some instances, replacing restorations that had fallen out, the member inappropriately claimed for restorations on other teeth that had not been restored, as well as instances where additional tooth surfaces were claimed that had not been restored.

DECISION

1. Finding

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

2. Penalty

- Reprimand.
- Certificate of registration suspended for two consecutive months (November 3, 2006 to January 2, 2007).
- Course in ethics.
- Member entered into a voluntary undertaking/agreement whereby he agreed to only practise as an associate or employee of another member of the RCDSO for a period of 24 months following completion of the suspension.

3. Costs/Publication

- Costs to the College in the amount of \$3,000.
- Pursuant to the legislation, publication of this matter includes the member's name and address.

4. Panel's Reasoning

- Penalty reached as a result of a joint submission.
- Penalty appropriate in terms of general and specific deterrence. Penalty works to rehabilitate the member and protect the public interest.
- It was the member's first appearance before the Discipline Committee and he was very co-operative and remorseful.
- Panel recognized member's long history of charitable work.