

**BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY ARTS & SCIENCES**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** )  
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**Hair Diva's Salon** ) **CASE NO. 11-024**  
**License No. 010870** ) **NOTICE OF HEARING AND**  
**and** ) **STATEMENT OF CHARGES**  
**Stacey DeRuyter, owner,** )  
**License No. 59295** )  
**RESPONDENTS** )

The Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences files this Notice of Hearing pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 17A.12(2), 17A.18(3) (2011), and 645 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) § 11.6. Hair Diva's Salon was issued Iowa salon license no. 010870 and operates a salon located at 109 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Estherville, Iowa 51334. Respondent-Hair Diva's Salon's license is current and will next expire on December 31, 2012. Respondent-Stacey DeRuyter, the owner of Hair Diva's Salon, holds a cosmetologist license that next expires March 31, 2013.

**A. TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING**

Hearing. A disciplinary contested case hearing shall be held on **February 20, 2012**, before the Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences. The hearing shall begin at **10:00 a.m.** and shall be located in the Lucas State Office Building, Fifth Floor Conference Room 517/518, Des Moines, Iowa.

Answer. Within twenty (20) days of the date you are served this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges you are required by 645 IAC § 11.12 to file an Answer. The Answer should specifically admit, deny, or otherwise answer all allegations

contained in sections C and D of this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.

Pleadings shall be filed with the Board at the following address: Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319.

Presiding Officer. The Board shall serve as presiding officer, but the Board may request an Administrative Law Judge make initial rulings on pre-hearing matters, and be present to assist and advise the board at hearing.

Hearing Procedures. The procedural rules governing the conduct of the hearing are found at 641 IAC chapter 11. At hearing, you may appear personally or be represented by legal counsel at your own expense. You will be allowed the opportunity to respond to the charges against you, to produce evidence on your behalf on issues of material fact, cross-examine witnesses present at the hearing, and examine and respond to any documents introduced at hearing. If you need to request an alternative time or date for hearing, you must comply with the requirements of 645 IAC § 11.18. The hearing may be open to the public or closed to the public at your discretion.

Pre-hearing Conference. Any party may request a pre-hearing conference to discuss evidentiary issues related to the hearing. The Board's rules regarding pre-hearing conferences are contained at 645 IAC § 11.17.

Prosecution. The Office of the Attorney General is responsible for representing the public interest (the State of Iowa) in this proceeding. Copies of pleadings should be provided to counsel for the State at the following address: David Van Compernelle, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Communications. You may not contact board members in any manner,

including by phone, letter, or e-mail, about this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges. Board members may only receive information about the case when all parties have notice and an opportunity to participate, such as at the hearing or in pleadings you file with the Board office and serve upon all parties in the case.

## **B. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

Jurisdiction. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 147, 157, and 272C (2011).

Legal Authority. If any of the allegations against you are founded, the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against you under Iowa Code chapters 17A, 147, 157, and 272C (2011) and 645 IAC chapter 65.

Default. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Board may enter a default decision or proceed with the hearing and render a decision in your absence, in accordance with Iowa Code § 17A.12(3) (2011) and 645 IAC § 11.21.

## **C. CHARGES**

### **COUNT I – UNSANITARY PRACTICES**

Respondents are charged under Iowa Code §§ 147.55 and 157.9, and 645 IAC § 65.2(13), with engaging in unsanitary practices, in violation of Iowa Code § 157.6 (2011) and 645 IAC §§ 63.5, 63.6(9), 63.11, 63.13 and 63.25.

### **COUNT II – FAILURE TO POST LICENSES**

Respondents are charged under Iowa Code §§ 147.55 and 157.9 (2011), and 645 IAC §§ 63.4(3) and 65.2(13), with failing to post professional licenses in the

reception area at eye level in violation of 645 IAC §§ 61.5(3) and 61.5(4).

**COUNT III – FAILURE TO PROVIDE BIOHAZARD DISPOSAL**

Respondents are charged under Iowa Code §§ 147.55 and 157.9 (2011), and 645 IAC § 65.2(13), with failing to provide for biohazard disposal in violation of 645 IAC §§ 63.11.

**COUNT IV – FAILURE TO POST RULES AND REPORT**

Respondents are charged under Iowa Code §§ 147.55 and 157.9 (2011), and 645 IAC 65.2(13), with failing to properly post a copy of the most recent sanitation rules and inspection report in the reception area at eye level in violation of 645 IAC § 63.2.

**COUNT V – INCOMPETENCE**

Respondents are charged under Iowa Code §§ 147.55 and 157.9 (2011), and 645 IAC 65.2(13), with professional incompetency in violation of 645 IAC § 65.2(2).

**COUNT VI – NEGLIGENCE IN PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY**

Respondents are charged under Iowa Code §§ 147.55 and 157.9 (2011), and 645 IAC 65.2(13), with negligence in the practice of cosmetology, specifically, a failure to exercise due care, in violation of 645 IAC § 65.2(11).

**D. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

On May 24, 2011, an investigator inspected Respondents' salon and observed that individual licenses were posted at individual hair stations rather than at the front of the salon. Nor were sanitation rules and the most recent

inspection report posted. No biohazard bag was located in the salon and the first aid supplies did not include all required elements. No spa log was maintained.

Additionally, hair and debris were found on the floor, in wash basin strainers, on clean supplies of combs and brushes, and on electric hair clippers. Jars containing disinfectant were cloudy and contained debris at the bottom.

While employed at Respondents' salon, Kara Hatland highlighted the hair of D█████ W█████ W█████ experienced extensive scalp burns, permanent skin damage, and eventual hair loss following the highlighting attempt. As a result of the burns and hair loss, D█████ W█████ has had extensive surgery on her scalp.

#### **E. SETTLEMENT**

This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement. Procedural rules governing the Board's settlement process are found at 645 IAC Chapter 12. If you are interested in pursuing settlement of this matter, please contact David Van Compernelle, Assistant Attorney General, at 515-281-7262.

#### **F. PROBABLE CAUSE FINDING**

On July 19, 2011, the Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences found probable cause to file this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.