

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

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	CASE NO. 08-062
Nikki Nails)	
License No. A00553)	
and)	NOTICE OF HEARING
Randy Nguyen)	AND STATEMENT OF CHARGES
License No. 00376)	
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RESPONDENTS)	
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The Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences files this Notice of Hearing pursuant to Iowa Code § 17A.12(2), 17A.18(3), and 645 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) § 11.6. Respondent Nikki Nails was issued Iowa salon license no. A00553 on October 5, 1998 and operates a salon located at 823 Wheeler Ct., Suite 2, Ames, IA 50010. Nikki Nail's salon license is current and will next expire on December 31, 2010. Respondent Nguyen was issued nail technology license no. 00376 on February 14, 1996, which license will next expire on March 31, 2010.

A. TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING

Hearing. A disciplinary contested case hearing shall be held on April 5, 2010 before the Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences. The hearing shall begin at 1:00 p.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, 5th 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) in this proceeding. Copies of pleadings should be provided to counsel for the State at the following address: Scott Galenbeck, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office, 2nd 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.

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 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) and 645 IAC § 11.21.

C. CHARGES

COUNT I

Respondent is charged under 645 IAC § 65.2(13) with failing to fully document cleanings of pedicure spas in violation of 645 IAC §§ 63.25(2-5).

COUNT II

Respondent is charged under 645 IAC § 65.2(13) with engaging in unsanitary practices in violation of Iowa Code § 157.6 and 645 IAC §§ 63.12(1), 63.14, 63.17(3) and 63.18(3).

COUNT III

Respondent is charged under 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 IV

Respondent is charged with employing individuals to practice cosmetology arts and sciences without a license in violation of Iowa Code section 157.13(1) and 645 IAC § 65.2(28).

COUNT V

Respondent is charged under 645 IAC § 65.2(13) with possession and use of a razor-edged device on a customer in violation of 645 IAC § 63.18(2).

COUNT VI

Respondent is charged under 645 IAC § 65.2(13) with having a product containing liquid methyl methacrylate (MMA) on its premises in violation of 645 IAC § 63.18(1).

D. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. During an investigation on October 8, 2009, the investigators observed that sanitation rules were posted in the reception area but the rules were not current. The investigation report was not posted.
2. Used files and buffers were found in the manicure stations drawers, along with clean, unused buffers.
2. During the investigation, one heel shaver was observed in the salon.
3. No spa log was located in the salon. Spa screens were clogged and dirty and appeared to contain mold.
4. During the investigation, a female identified as Dung Thi Ngoc Pham was observed giving a manicure to a customer. Dung Thi Ngoc Pham does not hold a license to practice nail technology.
5. Samples of nail liquid were taken and tested positive for methyl methacrylate acid.

E. SETTLEMENT

This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement. The 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 Scott Galenbeck, Assistant Attorney General, at 515-281-6658.

F. PROBABLE CAUSE FINDING

On the 11th day of January, 2010, the Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences found probable cause to file this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.

This notice of hearing and statement of charges is approved by the board on March 4, 2010.