

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY ARTS & SCIENCES

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	CASE NO. 10-048
MODERN NAILS)	
License No. 011262)	NOTICE OF HEARING
and)	AND STATEMENT OF CHARGES
WILLIAM NGUYEN, Owner)	
License No. 01691)	
)	
RESPONDENTS)	

The Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences and files this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 17A.12(2), 17A.18(3) (2009) and 645 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) § 11.6. Modern Nails was issued Iowa salon license no. 011262 on April 20, 2006. Modern Nails' license will expire on December 31, 2012. William Nguyen is the owner of Modern Nails, which is located at 1055 College Square Mall, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. William Nguyen is licensed as a nail technician, license no. 01691. Modern Nails and William Nguyen are jointly referred to herein as "Respondents."

A. TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING

Hearing. A disciplinary contested case hearing shall be held on April 6, 2011 before the Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences. The hearing shall begin at 10:30 a.m. and shall be located in the Lucas State Office Building, Fifth Floor Conference Room 517, 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. 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, 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: Kristin Ensign, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office, 2nd Floor, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Communications. You may not contact individual 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 (2009).

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 (2009), 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)(2009) and 645 IAC §11.21.

C. CHARGES

COUNT I – UNSANITARY PRACTICES

Respondents are charged under Iowa Code §§ 147.55 and 157.9 (2009), and 645 IAC § 65.2(13) (2009), with engaging in unsanitary practices in violation of Iowa Code § 157.6 and 645 IAC §§ 63.11, 63.13, 63.14, 63.15 and 63.18(1).

COUNT II – EMPLOYING UNLICENSED PERSON

Respondents are charged under Iowa Code §§ 147.55, 157.9 and 157.13(1) (2009),

and 645 IAC §§ 65.2(13) and 65.2(28), with employing an unlicensed individual to practice cosmetology arts and sciences.

COUNT III – FAILURE TO POST RULES

Respondents are charged under Iowa Code §§ 147.55 and 157.9 (2009) and 645 IAC § 65.2(13) with failing to properly post a copy of the most recent sanitation rules in the reception area at eye level in violation of 645 IAC § 63.2.

COUNT IV – NO BIOHAZARD DISPOSAL

Respondents are charged under Iowa Code §§ 147.55 and 157.9 (2009), and 645 IAC § 65.2(13), with failing to provide for biohazard disposal in violation of 645 IAC § 63.11(3)

COUNT VII – PRACTICE BEYOND SCOPE OF LICENSE

Respondents are charged under Iowa Code §§ 147.55, 157.9 and 157.13(1) (2009), and 645 IAC §§ 65.2(5), 65.2(13) and 65.2(29), with permitting a licensed individual to practice beyond the scope of her license.

COUNT VIII – SUBVERTING AN INSPECTION

Respondents are charged under Iowa Code §§ 147.55 and 157.9 (2009), and 645 IAC §§ 65.2(13) and 65.2(18), with engaging in conduct that subverts an investigation.

D. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

An investigator's visit on June 17, 2010, revealed the following:

1. Sanitation rules were not posted. A license for a nail technician no longer working at the salon was posted.
2. No biohazard bags or containers were on site.

3. No first aid kit was present in the salon.
4. Used non-sanitizable emery boards, nail buffers, sandpaper bands, etc. were being reused. Employees attempted to conceal or destroy used supplies during the inspection.
5. An unlicensed person was working in the salon.
6. A licensed nail technician was performing eyebrow waxing.

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 Kristin Ensign, Assistant Attorney General, at 515-281-6547.

F. PROBABLE CAUSE FINDING

On the 12th day of July, 2010, the Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences found probable cause to file this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.