

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS: **Jon Leibowitz, Chairman**
 William E. Kovacic
 J. Thomas Rosch
 Edith Ramirez
 Julie Brill

In the Matter of

**THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF
DENTAL EXAMINERS**

DOCKET NO. 9343

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On November 2, 2010, Complaint Counsel filed a Motion For Partial Summary Decision in this matter, and on November 3, 2010, Respondent filed a Motion To Dismiss. Under the Commission Rules of Practice governing adjudicative proceedings, the responses to these Motions would respectively be due on November 17, 2010, and November 15, 2010.¹ On November 5, 2010, Complaint Counsel and Respondent filed a Joint Motion For Extension of Time (“Joint Motion”), proposing an alternative schedule pursuant to which their respective responses would be due on November 30, 2010, and their respective replies to those responses would be due on December 10, 2010.

The Commission has determined to grant the Joint Motion. The time periods prescribed by the Commission Rules of Practice ordinarily should afford parties to Commission proceedings sufficient time to effect filings of sufficient quality and detail to aid in the preparation of Commission opinions and orders. In this case, however, the virtually simultaneous filing of two dispositive motions -- a Motion For Partial Summary Decision and a Motion To Dismiss -- means that the parties will consequently need to file virtually simultaneous responses and replies. To ensure that the parties can fully address all relevant issues arising from these two Motions in their respective filings, the Commission has determined to grant the extensions the parties have requested. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT Respondent must file any response to Complaint Counsel’s Motion For Partial Summary Decision -- and Complaint Counsel must file any response to Respondent’s Motion To Dismiss -- on or before November 30, 2010; and

¹ See Commission Rule 3.24(a)(2), 16 C.F.R. § 3.24(a)(2)(2010), and Commission Rule 3.22(d), 16 C.F.R. § 3.22(d); see also Commission Rule 4.3, 16 C.F.R. § 4.3.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT Respondent and Complaint Counsel must file any replies to the foregoing responses on or before December 10, 2010.

By the Commission, Commissioner Brill recused.

Donald S. Clark
Secretary

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ISSUED: November 15, 2010