BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF: ANN SLAUGHTER SMITH, DDS

ORDER

On this 14th day of July 2006 comes on for hearing the matter of Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS. The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners appeared together by a quorum of its membership, together with its attorney, William H. Trice, III. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, appeared pro se. From the pleadings, testimony of the witnesses, and evidence introduced, the Board finds that:

I. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, is licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Arkansas under the provisions of the Dental Practice Act.

II. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, has acknowledged that on or about the 22nd of December 2005 she prepared a prescription, in the name of a patient, for scheduled medication Meperidine. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, further admitted that she was prepared to divert a portion of said medication for her own use and for non-dental reasons.

III. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, further admitted that she had a substance abuse problem for several months.

IV. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, further admitted that she had diverted previous scheduled medications for her own use and for non-dental reasons during that period of time.

WHEREFORE, it is considered, ordered, and adjudged that:

1. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, has violated the Dental Practice Act, more specifically,
ACA 17-82-316(3)(c) that is, she has exhibited an addiction to scheduled medication.

2. As a result of the above violation of the Dental Practice Act, the license to practice dentistry in the State of Arkansas of Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, is revoked. Said revocation will be stayed for a period of five years, for so long as Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, complies with the following conditions of stay:

   A. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, will enter into a contract for rehabilitation and monitoring, for five years, with the Arkansas Medical Foundation.

   B. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, will comply with the terms of the contract for rehabilitation and monitoring with the Arkansas Medical Foundation and those terms of the contract will be considered as conditions of stay of this Order.

   C. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, will authorize the Arkansas Medical Foundation to provide evidence and proof of her compliance or failure to comply with her contract of monitoring and rehabilitation.

   D. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, will authorize her treating physician, who will provide her therapy and medication regiment, to provide quarterly reports to the Arkansas Medical Foundation and the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners as to her mental and physical state and her suitability and capability to practice dentistry.

   E. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, will reimburse the Board the costs of its investigation and hearing of $595.10 within six months from the date of this Order.

   F. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, will attend such meetings of the Board as required to, during the next five years, to provide the Board with proof of her compliance or failure to comply with the contract for monitoring and rehabilitation as well as proof of her practice of dentistry in the State of Arkansas.
G. Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, will provide a copy of this Order to any employer or licensed dentist with whom she may be working so that they are aware of her history with this Board during the five years.

Upon Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, complying with the conditions of stay for a period of five years her license will become unencumbered. Upon this Board finding that Ann Slaughter Smith, DDS, has failed to comply with the conditions of stay, the stay will be lifted and her license to practice dentistry in the State of Arkansas will be revoked.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

E. Wayne Loomey, DDS, President

Date

Approved as to form:

William H. Trice, III
Attorney for the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners