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## **ISSUE MEMORANDUM**

DATE	December 9, 2022
ТО	Members, California State Board of Optometry (CSBO)
FROM	Terri Villareal, Lead Enforcement Analyst
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #6A – Enforcement Report

Enforcement staff are continuing to put the focus on closing older cases and are making great progress. Staff are currently cross-training regarding the different types of enforcement cases that are received to ensure each analyst has experience in investigating all types of cases.

The enforcement unit will expand by one analyst as the Board will be interviewing and hiring another analyst to help with the workload.

Today the Enforcement Manager, Joely Walker, will be giving a presentation on the complaint process which will include:

- Receiving complaints How does the Board receive them?
- Investigating complaints what steps are taken regarding investigations
- Types of resolutions for complaints how cases are closed no violation, Letter
  of Education, issuance of administrative citation with and without order of
  abatement, forwarding case to Attorney General's Office

The Winter edition of the Enforcement Bulletin is in the process of being finalized. This edition is all about the optician program and what it takes to become an optician. Board Member Stacy Hancock wrote an article on her experience with the importance of opticians. We will send each of you a copy once it's available.

Below are the most recent enforcement actions taken by the Board:

#### Citations

#### Kingsolver, Stephanie Corinne (SLD 42780) - Petaluma, CA

Effective October 9, 2022, a \$250 a citation was issued to Stephanie Corinne Kingsolver (SLD 42780), for making or giving false statements or information on her application to obtain licensure (BPC§2555.5(j)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant's profile.

### See U Again Optical (Unregistered) - Gardena, CA

Effective October 29, 2022, a \$5,000 citation was issued to See U Again Optical, (Unregistered) for operating an opticianry prior to obtaining a valid registration, advertising violations, and holding oneself out as being able to perform professional services as an optometrist (BPC §§ 651(a), 3040(a), 2555.5(g), 2555.5(o), 2555.5(p), 2556.5 and 2564.91(a)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action.

#### Pending Accusations

#### Hardy, David McCreery (SLD 41119) - Carmel Valley, CA

On September 8, 2022, an Accusation was filed against the Spectacle Lens Dispenser Registration of David McCreery Hardy (SLD 41119), with an address of record in Carmel Valley, CA, for a Criminal Conviction and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§490(a), 2555.1, 2555.5(a), (k), (l), and 2557.1). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile

#### Petition to Revoke Probation

#### Soss, Edward H (OPT 4847) -San Francisco, CA

On September 30, 2022, a Petition to Revoke Probation was filed against the license of Edward H. Soss (OPT 4847), with an address of record in San Francisco, CA for multiple probation violations. Probationer Soss' optometry license was placed on probation for three years, effective April 1, 2020, for Engaging in Fraudulent Billing Practices, Unprofessional Conduct, and Insurance Fraud (BPC §§3110(a), and (e)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.

#### Revoked

#### Smith, Loren Donnell (OPT 7354) - Berkeley, CA

On October 10, 2022, the license of Loren Donnell Smith (OPT 7354), with an address of record in Berkeley, CA. was revoked for multiple probation violations. Probationer Smith's optometry license was placed on probation for five years, effective February 20, 2018, for a Criminal Conviction, and a Conviction Involving the Use of Alcohol (BPC §§3110(k) and (I)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.