

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
July 1, 1994 - Present

STOUT, THOMAS A., O.D. - Morgantown, WV (7/9/2000) WV License No. 719-0D

Board finding: The Board has probable cause to believe that the licensee has engaged in conduct, practices or acts constituting a willful departure from accepted standards of professional conduct, and that by placing an advertisement in the Morgantown yellow pages titled, "Physicians & Surgeons-Medical-M.D.-Ophthalmology" violates W. Va. Code 30-8-8 relating to false advertising.

Board action: Dr. Stout paid a civil penalty of \$200.00 and the Board's administrative cost of \$100.00.

GRESAK, MARTIN, O.D. - Morgantown, WV (2/15/02) WV License No. 748-0D

Board finding: The Board found that the licensee by placing his advertisement of "Laser Vision Correction" in the Morgantown, WV yellow pages violates W. Va. Code 30-8-8 relating to false advertising. The Board has probable cause to believe that the licensee has engaged in conduct, practices, or acts constituting a willful departure from accepted standards of professional conduct.

Board action: Dr. Gresak entered into a Consent Decree on 8/6/02 admitting guilt of the violation, agreeing and assuring the Board he will comply, agreeing to pay a civil penalty of \$500.00 and the Board's administrative cost of \$750.00 knowing contents of the decree shall be public information.

JAMES JONES, O.D. - Oakland, MD (11/13/03) WV License No. 712-0D

Board finding: The Board conducted a 10% random audit of licensees to supply proof of their required continuing education hours. The Board found that the licensee had not been able to produce proof of his continuing education [CE] hours for the 8/1/01 - 7/31/02 licensing period.

Board action: The Board entered into a consent decree with Dr. Jones with an agreed upon fine of \$1000 and an administrative fee of \$300 for not producing proof of his CE hours knowing that the contents of the decree shall be public information.

JOSEPH SERIAN, O.D. - Fairmont, WV (1/24/07) Unlicensed.

Court Action: The judge accepted a consent decree agreeing to a permanent injunction enjoining Dr. Serian from practicing, attempting to practice and/or otherwise acting in a manner that could convey the impression to the public that he is licensed to practice optometry in the State of West Virginia. Dr. Serian's license was revoked on June 2, 1979.

DAVID GOMEZ, O.D. - Beckley, WV (February 6, 2006) License No. 926-0D

Board Action: The Board entered into a voluntary agreement for suspension of Dr. Gomez's license pending resolution of criminal charges of possession of a controlled substance in February 2006. Subsequent to the resolution of his charges by dismissal and serving of a sentence, the Board restored his license with conditions including random drug testing and work supervision. His license was restored May 10, 2007. The conditions were removed from his license on May, 12, 2008.

Rory Simpson, O.D. – Fairmont, WV (November 17, 2009) License No. 994-D

The complainant had an exam on January 30, 2009. A contact lens was prescribed. The complainant saw another optometrist soon after and was told he had keratoconus.

Board Action: The complaint was settled by consent decree on November 17, 2009. Dr. Simpson agreed to accept a letter of reprimand and to take 9 additional continuing education hours, 3 hours on medical/legal, 3 hours on practice management, and three hours on keratoconus.

J. Rodgin, O.D. – Bluefield, WV (June 2, 2011) License No. 297-D

The patient alleged inappropriate professional conduct. Dr. Rodgin surrendered his license on June 2, 2011.

Board Action: His license is revoked.

Eric Crowder, O.D. – Barboursville, WV (July 20, 2011) License No. 889-OD

Patient alleged improper diagnosis. The licensee's records were incomplete.

Board Action: He received a written reprimand paid administrative costs in the area of medical and patient documentation. Continuing education was ordered, completed and the order was released on April 18, 2012.

Edmund Prendergast, O.D. – Oak Hill, WV (May 22, 2013) License No. 666-D

The licensee signed a Consent Decree admitting that he did not provide a list of possible new providers for a patient he could no longer serve. The optometrist reported with signing the Board's CD that the patient's husband had threatened his life.

Board Action: The Board issued a letter of reprimand in the form of a signed Consent Decree.

Sona Kalra, O.D. – Martinsburg, WV (May 28, 2014) License No. 1074-OD

Board Finding: Dr. Kalra permitted unlicensed individuals to provide optometric services at his place of business.

Board Action: A consent decree was signed placing Dr. Kalra on probation for three years. He repaid all provider billings to the payors. He named the unlicensed individuals, and passed a WV Jurisprudence Exam.