

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
REPORTABLE DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
January, 2007 - Present

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. His license was fully restored on May 28, 2017.

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

Board Finding: Dr. Prendergast did not provide a list of possible new providers to serve the patient when the doctor could no longer serve the patient. 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.

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

Patient alleged improper diagnosis.

Board Finding: 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.

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

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

Board Action: His license is revoked.

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

Board Finding: 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. Dr. Simpson completed the conditions of his consent decree.

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

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.

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His license was restored May 10, 2007. The conditions were removed from his license on May, 12, 2008.

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.