

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2007**

TIME & PLACE: September 26, 2007 at 2:10 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, The Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 4, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David H. Hettler, O.D.
Jacquelyn Thomas, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director
Mykl Egan, Adjudication Analyst, APD
Carol Stamey, Administrative Assistant

MATTER SCHEDULED: **John M. Bickerton, O.D., 0618000811**
Case No: 111587
Dr. Bickerton was present and represented by Charles W. Hundley, Counsel.

PRELIMINARY MATTER: Dr. Bickerton appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated July 12, 2007.

After discussing the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Bickerton, the Committee convened in closed session for deliberations pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A (15) of the Code of Virginia. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of Section 2.1-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened and announced its decision.

DECISION: After consideration of the evidence and statements concerning the allegations, the Committee voted to adopt findings of fact and conclusions of law and issued Dr. Bickerton an Order. The Order requires that Dr. Bickerton obtain two (2) hours of continuing education in public health related to the prevention of communicable diseases or disease transmission.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a final Order thirty days after service of such Order on Dr. Bickerton unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Bickerton

within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

David H. Hettler, O.D.
Chair

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.
Executive Director