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Ms. Donna K. Davis, Committee Staff
Bureau of Legislative Research
State Capitol Building, Room 315
Little Rock, AR 72201

**RE: My Client: Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners
Proposed Article VII- Specialization and Limitations**

Dear Ms. Davis:

At its meeting on January 19, 2018, the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners approved the proposed Article VII was amended. Two people spoke against this Article, Mark Willis and James Lee.

Enclosed are the following:

1. Two copies of a mark-up showing the changes to the proposed Regulation
2. Two copies of the approved Article VII- Specialization and Limitations.

I am also emailing all of this to you at donna@arkleg.state.ar.us, and the Secretary of State's office at statedocs@library.arkansas.gov.

Please schedule this for a hearing before the Committee of Legislative Council. Please notify me of the date and time. I wait to hear from you.

Respectfully,



Kevin M. O'Dwyer,
Attorney for the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners

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Enclosures

cc: Donna Cobb, Executive Director, Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners

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A. ~~The practice carried on by a dentist who announces as a specialist shall be limited exclusively to the special area of dental practice announced by the dentist.~~ Pursuant to Act 489 of 2017, A dentist who has been issued a specialist license under this section may announce and hold himself or herself out to the public both as a specialist in the area covered by his or her specialty certificate and as a dentist who provides general dentistry services if the dentist practices his or her specialty at least fifty percent (50%) of the time that he or she practices dentistry during a calendar year.

B. Dentists may not use their eligibility as specialists to make the public believe that specialty services rendered in the dental office are being rendered by a qualified specialist when such is not the case. The burden of responsibility is on the specialist to avoid any inference that general practitioners who are associated with the specialists are qualified to announce themselves as specialists.

C. 1. General practitioner announcement of services: Any communications indicating availability of such services shall be separate and apart from the name of the practitioner and the statement of "general practice". Any communications indicating availability of such services in signage or advertisement shall have no lettering larger than the lettering in the statement "general dentist".

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F. In the event that applicant fails to pass the examination and is reported by the examining committee as not being qualified, he may upon application to the Board be re-examined by the committee at such time and place as the Board may specify, but any applicant shall pay a re-examination fee equivalent to the specialty fee.

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