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The State of Nevada Board Of Psychological Examiners (Board) received a permanent injunctive order against Mr. David Hopper to cease the practice of psychology without a license. Mr. Hopper is a licensed drug and alcohol counselor practicing in Las Vegas, but is not a licensed psychologist in this or any state. Mr. Hopper engaged in the practice of biofeedback and psychological testing, reporting and evaluations, including evaluations for service members of the United States Armed Forces, as well as criminal competency evaluations on mental health patients awaiting trial. Mr. Hopper also held himself out to be a “neuropsychophysicologist” to the public.

The Eight Judicial District Court of Clark County found that the practice of biofeedback is clearly stated as a practice of psychology in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 641. While the chapter contains exceptions, Mr. Hopper did not satisfy the requirements for exemption found in NRS 641.029 or any other provision of Nevada law. The Court held that Mr. Hopper engaged in the unlawful practice of psychology without a license by performing biofeedback and conducting psychological testing and evaluations, and that by calling himself a neuropsychophysicologist he was knowingly representing himself to the public as a psychologist. The Court also held that Mr. Hopper operated outside the scope of his own license as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor by engaging in these acts.

The Board’s mission states that “[t]he State Board of Psychological Examiners protects the consumers of psychological services by regulating the practice of psychology. The Board is empowered to establish licensing requirements, to set standards for professional behavior, and to review the professional conduct of licensed psychologists to promote competent practice and public welfare.” The Board was made aware of Mr. Hopper’s improper practices and began the process for injunctive relief in 2010. The order for injunction was received on March 5, 2015. In the meantime, the Board has worked to amend NRS and NAC Chapters 641 to better serve the public, and to cease inappropriate practice by the issuance of citations and cease and desist orders.

Please find the Order for permanent injunction against Mr. David Hopper attached with this press release. For further information contact the Board of Psychological Examiners Executive Director, Morgan Alldredge 775-688-1268 or by email NBOP@state.nv.us

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