

BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF  
VETERINARY MEDICINE,

*Complainant,*

v.

Case No. 0404A

STEPHEN MAHNKEN,  
Veterinarian License Number: 9207

*Respondent.*

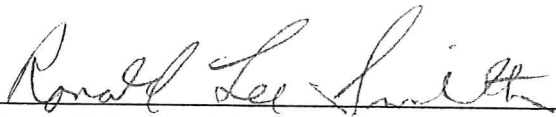
FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Upon review of the record in the above-styled matter, the West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (hereinafter "Board") hereby **ADOPTS**, in its entirety, the Hearing Examiner's Recommended Decision, dated November 18, 2009, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. Based on the Hearing Examiner's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law sustaining the allegations that the Respondent is a habitual drug user, that Respondent voluntarily surrendered his DEA license, that Respondent's habitual use of drugs negatively affected Respondent's performance in the treatment of animals, and that Respondent habitually used drugs and has engaged in practices in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine which violates the standards of professional conduct as established by the board, the Board hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

1. That the Respondent's license is **REVOKED**;
2. That the Respondent be fined the amount of Ten thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00);
3. That the Respondent pay to the Board its administrative costs and legal fees associated with this proceeding, which total Fifty thousand, six hundred seven Dollars and Seventy-three cents (\$50,607.73); and
4. That, in addition to all other requirements prescribed by law, the Respondent shall not be eligible to make application for licensure with this Board until the above fine and costs are paid in full.

ENTERED this 22nd day of December, 2009.

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY  
MEDICINE**

  
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**Dr. Ronald Lee Smith**  
**Board President**