

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Raso Corporation :
t/a Sahra Hooka Lounge : Show Cause
1200 H Street, NE : Hearing
Retailer F : (Status)
License No. 87558 :
Case #12-CMP-00692 :
: :
(No ABC Manager on Duty, :
Failed to Obtain an :
Entertainment Endorsement, :
Violation of Settlement :
Agreement) :

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May 8, 2013

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control

Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Ruthanne Miller, presiding.

PRESENT:

- RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson
- NICK ALBERTI, Member
- DONALD BROOKS, Member
- HERMAN JONES, Member
- MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

LOUISE PHILLIPS, OAG

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 (9:48 a.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The next case
4 is Case No. 12-CMP-00692, Sahra Hooka Lounge
5 located at 1200 H Street, N.E., License No.
6 87558.

7 Would the parties introduce
8 themselves for the record, please?

9 MS. PHILLIPS: Louise Phillips,
10 Assistant Attorney General, for the District
11 of Columbia.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And in
13 this case as well, it seems like no one is
14 here for Sahra Hooka Lounge. It is now 9:48.
15 The hearing was called for 9:30.

16 Do you have any word about them
17 being on their way or anything else?

18 MS. PHILLIPS: The only word I
19 have is what I see recorded in the file by Mr.
20 Rivero is that there was an attempt to call on
21 the 6th of May, but the number available was
22 incorrect. It was a wrong number.

1 And so there was no further
2 attempt to contact.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Then
4 I'll schedule this for a Show Cause Hearing,
5 June 26, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: Ms. Phillips, can
7 I ask just out of curiosity, do they -- in
8 your correspondence with the notices that the
9 licensees get, within the notices that the
10 licensees get, are they given a number for the
11 OAG's Office?

12 MS. PHILLIPS: They are given the
13 name of the attorney assigned to the case and
14 their telephone number as --

15 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.

16 MS. PHILLIPS: -- well as their
17 address.

18 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. I just
19 wanted to clear that up. Thank you.

20 MS. PHILLIPS: You're welcome.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do they get
22 their email?

1 MS. PHILLIPS: You know, I have
2 not seen -- let me look at the file you are
3 about to pull.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

5 MS. PHILLIPS: We are provided
6 with their information when we get the case.
7 I have a tendency if I don't have that
8 information to look up the establishment on-
9 line. I know that -- I believe that that is
10 Mr. Rivero's practice also.

11 I couldn't speak for Mr. Stern or
12 anybody else really.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

14 MS. PHILLIPS: Those two I -- I
15 know about myself and I do know about Mr.
16 Rivero.

17 Here on this particular one that
18 you are about to call, there are two phone
19 numbers, the street address, the licensed name
20 and trade as name, the license number and
21 something about what the -- we are here for.
22 This says retailer temporary/one day license.

1 I mean, so we have that kind of information
2 that we get when we get the investigative
3 file.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

5 (Whereupon, at 9:49 a.m. a recess
6 until 9:56 a.m.)

7 MS. PHILLIPS: That appears to be
8 all the statuses.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It does,
10 unless somebody has come into this hearing
11 since we started.

12 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I think they
13 are back there, yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Is somebody
15 here for a Status Hearing that -- could you
16 come to the table and make sure that that's
17 one of the ones we called.

18 MR. COX: Good morning.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good morning.
20 Could you identify yourself for the record and
21 tell me --

22 MR. COX: I sure will.

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- which
2 case?

3 MR. COX: My name is Dubois Cox.
4 I'm head of Federal Captial Solutions, a
5 financial advisor. And we are financial
6 advisors to R-S -- wrong case. Raso
7 Corporation.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: To what?

9 MR. COX: Case No. CMP-00692.

10 MS. PHILLIPS: Sahra Hooka Lounge.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Oh, Sahra,
12 okay.

13 MS. PHILLIPS: Page 2, last case.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. What
15 is your name, sir?

16 MR. COX: Last name Cox, C-O-X,
17 first name Dubois, D-U-B-O-I-S.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And what is--

19 MR. COX: You should have --

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- your
21 relation to Sahra Hooka Lounge?

22 MR. COX: You should have a Power

1 of Attorney on file for --

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Power of
3 Attorney?

4 MR. COX: Yes, ma'am.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: When did you
6 file it?

7 MR. COX: It has been -- I filed
8 it at least three times. Every time I'm here,
9 I file one.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You file it
11 every time you are here?

12 MR. COX: Yes, ma'am.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you file
14 one for this week?

15 MR. COX: No.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No.

17 MR. COX: I don't think so.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: But you -- we
19 will check the file. Are you an attorney?

20 MR. COX: I can give you one today
21 if you would like, that's no problem.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Well, you

1 have done one how recently?

2 MR. COX: March.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: March? It --
4 do you recall what it gave you the Power of
5 Attorney to do?

6 MR. COX: To represent the client
7 at the ABRA hearings.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: At any
9 hearings?

10 MR. COX: At any.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Not that
12 specific one for today?

13 MR. COX: Not that specific, no.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And
15 they are look for it. While they are looking
16 for it, let me ask -- oh, Mr. Jones has joined
17 us on the Bench as well.

18 Do you know if your client got
19 notice of this hearing?

20 MR. COX: Yes, ma'am. He gave me
21 a service form dated 3/27/13.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And

1 are you an attorney?

2 MR. COX: No, ma'am.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No. What are
4 you?

5 MR. COX: A financial advisor.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Financial
7 advisor, okay. Okay. And do you know if he
8 read it and understood it?

9 MR. COX: Yes, ma'am.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. We are
11 just checking the files to find your --

12 MR. COX: I understand.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- Power of
14 Attorney.

15 MS. PHILLIPS: Can I see?

16 MEMBER ALBERTI: Sir, could you be
17 careful of the microphone and not put your
18 papers on it? Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All Right.

20 We haven't found it in our files. Let me just
21 ask, is there a preliminary matter in any
22 event?

1 MS. PHILLIPS: No. This is the
2 case where they tried to call and. Mr.
3 Fernando tried to call, the number that he had
4 in his file was --

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

6 MS. PHILLIPS: -- incorrect.

7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

8 MS. PHILLIPS: So if we have a
9 number that we can put in the record, that
10 would probably be a really good idea.

11 MR. COX: Phone number for the
12 client?

13 MS. PHILLIPS: For the client.

14 MR. COX: All Right.

15 MEMBER ALBERTI: We could do that
16 off-line. Maybe we can do that after the
17 hearing.

18 MR. COX: Yes, sir, yes.

19 MEMBER ALBERTI: Yes, I think so.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You can just
21 give it to Ms. Phillips then. All Right.

22 MS. PHILLIPS: We want it for the

1 record. ABRA gives us the information.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: Right.

3 MS. PHILLIPS: And so if we don't
4 have the correct information that you gave us,
5 that could mean your files aren't up to date.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

7 MEMBER ALBERTI: And I appreciate
8 that, Ms. Phillips.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All Right.

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: So the --
11 hopefully Mr. Cox will convey that to his
12 client that his records are incomplete here
13 and his client will be responsible for making
14 sure that ABRA's records are updated. It is
15 his responsibility, not our responsibility to
16 chase him down.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Dubois, I
18 mean, Mr. Cox? Mr. Cox?

19 MR. COX: Yes, ma'am?

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I just want
21 to tell you that we were not able to locate in
22 our files today the Power of Attorney, so you

1 might want to get that in the file again.

2 MR. COX: I can do one.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, but for
4 today, all that we have done and I'll tell you
5 is to have set a hearing date for June 26,
6 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

7 MR. COX: Yes, ma'am. Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

9 MR. COX: Very good.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So thank you
11 very much. And if you could give your contact
12 information to Ms. Phillips, that would be
13 great.

14 MR. COX: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All Right.

16 So that does complete our Status Hearings,
17 unless there is anybody else here for one that
18 I'm not aware of. Okay.

19 (Whereupon, the Show Cause
20 (Status) Hearing in the above-entitled matter
21 was concluded at 10:02 a.m.)

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