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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
Fact Finding Hearing :
Daryl E. Wilson :
Manager's License Application :

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Wednesday, June 15,
2016

Whereupon, the above-referenced matter
came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage
Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,
N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

1 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

2 NICK ALBERTI, BOARD MEMBER

3 JAMES SHORT, BOARD MEMBER

4 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, BOARD MEMBER

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6 ALSO PRESENT:

7 DARYL WILSON

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

2 Fact Finding Hearing

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next matter is
4 that we have a Fact Finding Hearing for a
5 manager's license for Daryl E. Wilson. Would Mr.
6 Wilson appear and you can come up, sir, and if
7 you are not with Mr. Wilson we would ask that you
8 please clear the area. You can sit on either
9 side, sir.

10 MR. ALBERTI: It's for confidentiality
11 reasons we're asking you to clear the room.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have to go through
13 that door. Can you please identify yourself for
14 the record, sir?

15 MR. WILSON: My name is Daryl E. Wilson.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And as you are aware,
17 Mr. Wilson, you have applied for a manager's
18 license and as part of the application for a
19 license you have to get a police background -- a
20 police check -- and there are some concerns in
21 your record so maybe you can explain to us what
22 is going on and why is it that you believe that

1 the Board should grant you this license.

2 MR. WILSON: Would you start at the beginning
3 part of your question -- the first aspect of it?

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I said that as part of
5 the process to get a manager's license you have
6 to apply -- you have to do a police background
7 check.

8 MR. WILSON: Mm hmm.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And when, as part of
10 the application that was provided it stated that
11 I think in 2012 you had possession of a
12 controlled substance and you were given two
13 years' probation for cocaine and ecstasy, and I
14 guess the Board is concerned about this issue so
15 we need some explanation from you about what was
16 that about and why is it that you believe that
17 the Board should grant you an ABC license --
18 manager's license?

19 MR. WILSON: Okay, well as far as the matter
20 of 2012 goes it was, as it said, I was convicted
21 of possession of a controlled substance for I
22 guess the, let's see, because I was in possession

1 of some Ecstasy pills and some marijuana at my
2 residence actually. I winded up getting two
3 years' probation, pleaded to two misdemeanor
4 counts, winded up doing drug treatment sessions
5 at a place called Kolmach down on 14th and K
6 Street for approximately three months and since
7 that time I've been free of abuse of those drugs.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, why do you believe
9 that the Board should overlook this and grant you
10 the ABC manager's license.

11 MR. WILSON: I guess because since that point
12 in time I haven't had any legal troubles. I
13 pretty much lead a simple existence. I work two
14 jobs. I work as a manager and a bartender at a
15 bar called Senart's over on Barracks Row in
16 southeast Washington and I also work seasonal
17 jobs six months a year for the last six years for
18 Levy Restaurants at the baseball stadium. I
19 think that during the time that I got in that
20 trouble I was still kind of -- still hanging out
21 with and still carrying some bad habits from
22 previous -- previous years of my life and it was

1 something that I really needed to end and get in
2 control of really -- and before the -- I've been
3 with this company for about seven months. Before
4 then I was at the Old Ebbitt Grill for four years
5 straight, actually, of which I had the very
6 strong, strong record and work and performance.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What company are you
8 currently?

9 MR. WILSON: Right now I work it's called
10 Barracks Row Entertainment. We have eight
11 restaurants over in that navy yard Barracks Row
12 corridor of which I've worked at three over the
13 last seven months and then was asked by my owner
14 to go and manage the bar, the bar in an oyster
15 chop house called Senart's.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, thank you. Any
17 other questions by any other Board members? Yes,
18 Mr. Short.

19 MR. SHORT: Good morning, Mr. Wilson.

20 MR. WILSON: Good morning, sir.

21 MR. SHORT: I see you were born in
22 Philadelphia.

1 MR. WILSON: I was.

2 MR. SHORT: How long have you been in
3 Washington D.C. in this area?

4 MR. WILSON: Since 1987. I came to
5 Washington to attend Howard University back in
6 the late 80s and I have been here ever since.

7 MR. SHORT: What did you major in?

8 MR. WILSON: Communications and business.

9 MR. SHORT: And so you mentioned another
10 restaurant on 15th Street.

11 MR. WILSON: Old Ebbitt.

12 MR. SHORT: Old Ebbitt, yeah. Very wonderful
13 restaurant. How long did you work there?

14 MR. WILSON: I was there for four years.

15 MR. SHORT: So, were you there when you had
16 this problem with the drugs?

17 MR. WILSON: I was.

18 MR. SHORT: At any rate, I certainly am a
19 person that believes in redemption and you
20 cleared yourself up. The reason why I personally
21 am a Board member, every Board member has his own
22 opinion about things. I just wanted to hear that

1 you are doing well now and that you haven't had
2 any more problems.

3 MR. WILSON: I have not, sir.

4 MR. SHORT: And we know the night life,
5 marijuana, Ecstasy, cocaine, very bad, bad stuff
6 [inaudible 41:33] for crime and stuff and we
7 wanted to make sure, at least I as a Board member
8 wanted to make sure there wasn't no possibility
9 that you would be doing anything like that again
10 with an ABC license in the District of Columbia.
11 So, that -- can you address that and assure me
12 that we don't have to worry about that with you?

13 MR. WILSON: Like I said, my recent track
14 record, actually my track record even when I got
15 into the trouble wasn't -- I still was a very
16 admirable employee. I had been promoted to what
17 they call a Top Gun at the Old Ebbitt which meant
18 that I trained all the new employees and I was in
19 extremely good standing and, like I said, I'm not
20 -- I think it was just basically a change in
21 lifestyle. I'm 47 years old now and I've not
22 been going out for a lot of years.

1 MR. SHORT: [inaudible 42:22]

2 MR. WILSON: -- a couple of decades. I mean
3 I used to be out a few times a week up and down U
4 Street and on Connecticut Avenue, and then I just
5 got to a point in life where I was getting too
6 old for it.

7 MR. SHORT: Okay. All right, so I'm pleased
8 that you are now living a better lifestyle and
9 that maybe this ABC license can help you go a
10 little further, so --

11 MR. WILSON: Oh, I sure hope so.

12 MR. SHORT: That's my opinion. Thank you
13 very much for coming in and talking to us.

14 MR. WILSON: Yes, sir.

15 MR. SHORT: That's all I have, Mr. Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you Mr. Short.
17 Any other questions? Mr. Alberti. Anything else
18 you want to add, sir?

19 MR. WILSON: Not really. I was expecting
20 that it was going to be more intense, I thought I
21 was going to be asked more questions. I didn't
22 realize it was just regarding that one matter,

1 but I'm just here to try to honestly respond to
2 whatever it is that you folks need to know from
3 myself so that I can, as you say, move forward.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: As I said before, if
5 that was not in your record, you would not have
6 seen us. If we didn't get a police clearance
7 that says this is on your record, then you would
8 have not seen us. The agency would have
9 administratively -- but there are concerns that
10 the Board has that you need to convince us that
11 we are -- that the Board -- the regulations
12 because it's a misdemeanor we may, might -- so,
13 therefore it's within our discretion to do that
14 so that's one of the reasons why some members of
15 the Board called that you come in to explain
16 yourself to us to give the Board the assurances
17 that 'this was something that was done, I have
18 moved on with my life and I haven't done anything
19 else.' I mean, this is your opportunity, this is
20 your job interview, so this is your opportunity
21 to sell yourself to the Board as you go and sell
22 yourself to any employee. So, that's why I said

1 if you have anything else to say, you are, and
2 then we'll make a decision based on what was
3 presented today.

4 MR. WILSON: Okay. I don't really have a
5 whole lot more to say, honestly, gentlemen. As I
6 said I'm just a great, hard worker and I'm just
7 trying to take myself to that

8 Next plateau. I'm not getting any younger,
9 so I'm trying to do the best I can with this --
10 with this management opportunity and take it from
11 where I'm at now to that next level and sometime
12 over the next year as long as things go well
13 here, I'll wind up being able to run one of our
14 eight restaurants when I learn what it is the
15 remainder of the things I need to learn at the
16 restaurant I'm at now and I'm just kinda just
17 looking forward to the future.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short?

19 MR. SHORT: Did you graduate Howard
20 University?

21 MR. WILSON: I stopped Howard with 101
22 credits actually.

1 MR. SHORT: You planning on going back?

2 MR. WILSON: I have pondered that often
3 throughout the years. It's a conversation that
4 me and my mother and stepdad have typically a
5 couple of times each year. Honestly I can't say
6 yes. I think that if I'm going to function in
7 the capacity of for which I studied in
8 communications I think that I would actually
9 probably, instead of going and trying to complete
10 that two semesters plus an additional class and
11 summer school, I probably, with my attention, I
12 think I should do something with my voice,
13 actually, is what I -- is what I'm always hearing
14 from my clients and customers. They think that
15 the voice belongs in some kind of broadcasting or
16 on the radio or something like that, so I think I
17 will probably --

18 MR. SHORT: One suggestion before I finish
19 with you. You might consider maybe in another
20 couple of years trying to get your record
21 expunged.

22 MR. WILSON: Say that one more time.

1 MR. SHORT: Expungement, you might want to
2 consider that, and I would suggest even if you
3 could just do a little more school --

4 MR. WILSON: Okay.

5 MR. SHORT: -- don't stop.

6 MR. WILSON: Someone actually mentioned the
7 expunging to me recently. I think it kind of
8 went in and out of my mind just because I'm
9 focused on so many other things during the six
10 months of the year I'm working so long.

11 MR. SHORT: The older you get the more you're
12 going to realize that, why people are saying that
13 to you. Do you have children?

14 MR. WILSON: I do not, sir.

15 MR. SHORT: That's all I have, Mr. Chair.
16 Thank you very much.

17 MR. WILSON: Thank you gentlemen.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other questions?
19 All right, I make a motion then that we grant the
20 license. Is there a second?

21 MR. SHORT: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded

1 the motion. All those in favor say aye. [Chorus
2 of ayes] Those opposed? [No audible response.]
3 All right, sir, congratulations, sir.

4 MR. WILSON: Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good luck with you,
6 you can -- once -- you can go pick up your
7 license today.

8 MR. WILSON: Thank you, gentlemen, you guys
9 have been very gracious.

10 MR. ALBERTI: Mr. Wilson I remember seeing
11 you about a month ago at the Senart's. The
12 service was very good.

13 MR. WILSON: Oh really?

14 MR. ALBERTI: My drink was very good. Thank
15 you.

16 MR. WILSON: Well great, get out of here!
17 What a coincidence. Thank you guys.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just hold on one
19 minute -- I'm just saying hold on one minute. I
20 think you can go.

21 MR. ALBERTI: We're going to give you your
22 paperwork and if you want you can get your

1 license today. That's why -- that's why he's
2 telling you to wait.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: She'll give it to you.

4 MR. WILSON: Thanks once more, guys.

5 MR. SHORT: Good luck to you

6 MR. WILSON: Thank you.

7 MR. ALBERTI: Ms. Walker will bring it out to
8 you right now.

9 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter was
10 concluded.)

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