

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, *ex rel.*
JOSHUA H. STEIN, Attorney General,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEPPING STONE PHLEBOTOMY, LLC,

Defendant.

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
20 CVS 8215

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TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

THIS MATTER came on to be heard and was heard by the undersigned Judge presiding over the August 3, 2020, civil session of Wake County Superior Court upon plaintiff State of North Carolina’s application for a Preliminary Injunction under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-14. The State has requested that such an order prohibit defendants from, *inter alia*, operating a proprietary school in the State of North Carolina without a license. Assistant Attorney General Matt Liles appeared on behalf of the State and no one appearing for defendant.

IT APPEARS to the Court from the Complaint and the affidavits filed in substantiation thereof, and the arguments of the parties, that there is a strong likelihood that the State will prevail in this action.

IT ALSO APPEARS to the Court that the State’s request for a Temporary Restraining Order under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-14 should be granted so that further harm to the public and further violations of North Carolina law might be prevented. Specifically, it appears that allowing defendants to continue to credential undertrained healthcare workers and solicit students for unlicensed programs would irreparably injure both public health and the marketplace.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that defendants and/or their businesses, their agents, employees, and corporate successors or assigns, and any persons acting in concert with them, be and hereby are **Temporarily Restrained and Prohibited** from:

- (1) operating a proprietary school in the State of North Carolina without a license, as mandated by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115D-90, *et seq.*;
- (2) advertising, offering, or entering into contracts for educational or instructive products or services in North Carolina;
- (3) collecting any further payment, directly or indirectly, from consumers related to the aforementioned business;
- (4) destroying, transferring, concealing, altering, or removing from their possession or control any financial records, consumer contracts, emails, or other correspondence, business records, and other documents of defendants; or
- (5) transferring, withdrawing, concealing, or encumbering any assets of defendants pending further order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defendants shall produce the following records no later than three (3) days prior to the Preliminary Injunction hearing or within ten (10) days of entry of this Temporary Restraining Order, whichever is sooner:

- (1) The name and address of every bank at which any of defendants maintain, and/or in the past three years have maintained, deposit, checking, or other bank accounts, and the account number for each such account;
- (2) A statement of the current monetary balance in each such account held by any of defendants, together with a copy of the most recent bank statement for each such

account and all bank statements from the past three years for each such account;
and

- (3) A current financial statement, showing the current assets and liabilities for defendants.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defendants appear before this Court at 12:00 o'clock p.m., August 13, 2020, in Courtroom 10-C of the Wake County Courthouse in Raleigh, North Carolina, if they wished to be heard on the State's application for a Preliminary Injunction.

SO ORDERED, this the 3rd day of August 2020.



Judge Rebecca W. Holt
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE