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Sunday, January 23, 2022

To whom it may concern:

My name is Dr. Mark Clauss and I am providing a letter of intent to seek a position as an ADA delegate for the 2022 cycle. I am currently a practicing orthodontist in Watertown and Woodbury Connecticut and am serving as Vice president of the Dental Society of Greater Waterbury (DSGW). I will be installed as President of that society in May of 2022 for the 2022-2023 cycle.

I was raised in Bristol, attended the University of Connecticut for my undergraduate studies and received my DMD degree from Temple University in Philadelphia in 2000. I completed a 1 year General Practice Residency in Pennsylvania and returned to Connecticut to practice general dentistry in both Plainville and Litchfield until 2005. At that time I returned to pursue specialty certification in Orthodontics at SUNY Buffalo where I completed my training in 2008. I returned to CT and was an associate orthodontist in Avon, Torrington, Watertown, Woodbury and Stratford prior to purchasing my current office in 2017.

Being an officer in the DSGW has allowed me to see first-hand the importance organized dentistry plays in helping keep the profession moving forward and on-track. This is especially true now with the myriad of ever-changing governmental regulations, pressures from insurance companies, and most recently navigating the confusing and challenging landscape that the COVID-19 pandemic has created for our society as a whole.

I have come to realize that organized dentistry, whether it be the ADA or CSDA or local levels, provides the necessary collective voice to allow the concerns and issues of the members of our profession to stand out and be heard, rather than being easily ignored or brushed aside.

I have come to realize that I would like to play a larger role in the organization and to give back to this great profession which has provided me with so many opportunities over the past two decades. It is because of this that I am declaring my intent to seek an ADA delegate position.\

Thank you for your consideration,

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## EDUCATION:

### **Certificate & Master of Science in Orthodontics, 2008**

SUNY at Buffalo  
Buffalo, NY 14214

Thesis: *Cephalometric Changes Observed Following Long Term Use of the Bimler Functional Appliance in Class II Division I malocclusions*

### **Certificate, General Practice Residency, 2001**

Lehigh Valley Hospital  
Allentown, Pennsylvania  
Rotations: Anesthesia, Family Practice, and Emergency Medicine

### **Doctor of Dental Medicine, 2000**

Summa Cum Laude  
Temple University School of Dentistry  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### **Bachelor of Science in Molecular and Cell Biology, 1996**

Magna Cum Laude  
University of Connecticut  
Storrs, Connecticut

## EXPERIENCE:

### Owner Orthodontist (May 2017-present)

Clauss Orthodontics  
Watertown & Woodbury, CT

### Orthodontic Associate (December 2015 – August 2016)

Stratford Orthodontics  
Office of Dr. Jeff Kozlowski  
Stratford, CT

### Orthodontic Associate (March 2012 – May 2017)

Team Demas Orthodontics  
Offices of Dr. Don Demas  
Watertown & Woodbury, CT

### Orthodontic Associate (January 2008 – March 2012)

Farmington Valley & Litchfield County Orthodontic Associates  
Offices of Dr. Philip DePasquale & Dr. Kate Friedman  
Torrington & Avon, CT

### General Dentistry Associate (June 2004 – June 2005)

Office of Dr. Steven Sideris  
Litchfield, CT

### General Dentistry Associate (June 2001 – July 2004)

Office of Dr. Michael Lantiere  
Plainville, CT

### General Practice Resident (June 2000 – June 2001)

Lehigh Valley Hospital  
Allentown, PA

**RESEARCH:**

**SUNY Buffalo Masters' Thesis:** *Cephalometric Changes Observed Following Long Term Use of the Bimler Functional Appliance in Class II Division I malocclusions.*

**Temple University:** Research into radiographic methods of determining successful implant abutment seating in vitro. Mentor: Dr. Gary Conover

**University of Connecticut:** Research into enzyme systems utilized by deep sea extremely thermophilic bacteria *T. Neoplolitana*. Mentor: Dr. Kenneth Noll

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Association of Orthodontists  
American Dental Association  
Connecticut State Dental Association  
Greater Waterbury Dental Society (VP)  
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity  
Connecticut Habitat for Humanity

**PAST MEMBERSHIPS:**

President, Temple Dental Class of 2000  
Stomatognathic Honor Society  
Oral Surgery Honor Society  
Esthetic Dentistry Honor Society  
Oral Medicine Study Club  
Endodontic Study Club  
Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity  
Temple ASDA Chapter  
Pennsylvania Dental Association  
New York Dental Association  
NY Eighth District Dental Society

**REFERENCES:**

Dr. Mimi Dalessio-Mata  
Dr. Dawn Mikaitis  
Dr. John Hillgen  
Dr. Roger Badwal  
Dr. Alicia Almeida  
Dr. Stephen Sideris (Litchfield, CT)  
Dr. Robert Sederquist (Torrington, CT – Retired)