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WELCOME TO OUR OFFICE

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our approach and practice of the **specialty of orthodontics**. Only the orthodontic specialist, who is recognized by the State of California and the American Dental Association may legally identify himself as an orthodontic specialist. A specialist in orthodontics is a **dentist** who has completed at least *two additional years* of full time approved graduate university training in orthodontics in an accredited program. The graduate training of the orthodontic specialist and the experience gained from full time attention to the specialty, create a professional uniquely qualified to diagnose orthodontic problems, determine the plan of treatment and the appliances (braces) best suited to the needs of the individual patient. Patients can be assured they are being treated by professionals "**involved in the exclusive practice of orthodontics**" when they visit members of the American Association of Orthodontists (www.Braces.org).

Dr. Minnich received his degree as **Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.)** in 1987 from the University of Southern California, School of Dentistry. He worked in private practice as a general dentist for two years in San Diego. In 1989, he began his two additional years of training as an orthodontic specialist. Dr. Minnich received his **Certificate in Orthodontics and Master of Science in Craniofacial Biology** from the University Southern California School of Dentistry, Department of Orthodontics in June 1991.

In March 2001, Dr. Minnich became a **Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics**. This distinguished achievement is a successful completion of three phases of oral and clinical examinations. This accomplishment reflects his dedication to continuing education and professional excellence. He is a current member of the following organizations: **American Board of Orthodontists, College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, American Association of Orthodontists, Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists, California State Society of Orthodontists, American Dental Association, California Dental Association, San Diego County Dental Society and the San Diego Academy of Orthodontists.**

Nothing is more important to us in this practice than to provide our patients with the finest treatment and most caring concern possible. We have trained extensively for our duties and continue our education to maintain and advance our skill in the specialty of orthodontics. We use techniques, supplies and equipment that have been chosen because they allow us to perform our service to you in the safest, most gentle and effective way possible. We are committed to giving you the best treatment our professional specialty has to offer. By being responsive to your needs and helping you to understand your treatment, we hope to establish a long and mutually rewarding relationship.

