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To R. A. Derbyshire, D.M.D., Secretary  
Board of Dental Examiners

. . . A dental assistant can take x-rays under the direction of a dentist. There is no law in regard to a dental assistant. If a dentist employs a young lady from high school, no matter what he calls her, and delegates authority to her and gives her duties to perform for which she is not trained and she is allowed to take x-rays, he would be responsible for any damage resulting from any of her acts under his direction, in an action for negligence, if she was negligent in performing these duties. However, there is no law which defines the limitations of the duties of a dental assistant.

Ralph W. Farris  
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