

**BEFORE THE
ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Filed)
Against:)

Case No. 1A-2011-85

CHANG HO OH, L.AC.)
638 S. Van Ness Avenue, #1)
Los Angeles, CA 90005)

Acupuncture License No. AC 6985)


Respondent.)
_____)

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Acupuncture Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on **JUL 12 2013**

It is so ORDERED **JUN 12 2013**



AnYork Lee, Chair
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17 Respondent.

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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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19 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** by and between the parties to the above-
20 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

21 PARTIES

22 1. Terri Thorfinnson (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Acupuncture Board.
23 She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Karnala
24 D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Wendy Widlus, Deputy Attorney
25 General.

26 2. Respondent Chang Ho Oh, L.Ac. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by
27 attorney Robert D. Rentzer, whose address is 5011 Casa Drive, Tarzana, California 91356.

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1 2. COURSEWORK Respondent shall take and successfully complete not less than
2 twenty (20) semester units or thirty (30) quarter units of coursework in the following area: Ethics.
3 All coursework shall be taken at the graduate level at a school approved by the Board. Classroom
4 attendance must be specifically required. Course content shall be pertinent to the violation and all
5 coursework must be completed within the first 3 years of probation. The required coursework
6 must be in addition to any continuing education courses that may be required for license renewal.

7 Within 90 days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit a plan for the
8 Board's prior approval for meeting the educational requirements. All costs of the coursework
9 shall be borne by the Respondent.

10 3. OBEY ALL LAWS Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws and all
11 regulations governing the practice of acupuncture in California. A full and detailed account of
12 any and all violations of law shall be reported by the Respondent to the Board in writing within
13 seventy two hours of occurrence.

14 4. QUARTERLY REPORTS Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under
15 penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance
16 with all the conditions of probation.

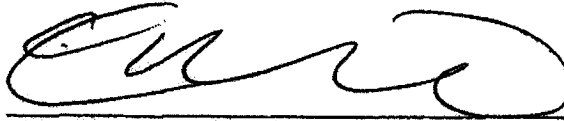
17 5. SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation
18 surveillance program and shall, upon reasonable notice, report to the assigned investigative
19 district office. Respondent shall contact the assigned probation surveillance monitor regarding
20 any questions specific to the probation order. Respondent shall not have any unsolicited or
21 unapproved contact with 1) victims or complainants associated with the case; 2) Board members
22 or members of its staff; or 3) persons serving the Board as expert examiners.

23 6. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE Respondent shall appear in
24 person for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request at various intervals and with
25 reasonable notice.

26 7. CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT Respondent shall notify the Board in writing,
27 through the assigned probation surveillance compliance officer of any and all changes of
28 employment, location and address within 30 days of such change.

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2 DATED:

2/19/13



CHANG HO OH, L.AC.
Respondent

4 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Chang Ho Oh, L.Ac. the terms and
5 conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

6 I approve its form and content.

7 DATED:

2/19/13



ROBERT D. RENTZER
Attorney for Respondent

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10 ENDORSEMENT

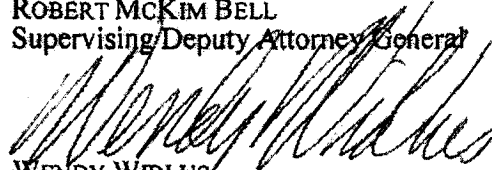
11 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
12 submitted for consideration by the Acupuncture Board of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

13 Dated:

2/21/13

Respectfully submitted,

KAMALA D. HARRIS
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Exhibit A

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A C C U S A T I O N

17 Respondent.

19 Complainant alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Janelle Wedge (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as
 22 the Executive Officer of the Acupuncture Board, Department of Consumer Affairs.

23 2. On or about January 20, 2000, the Acupuncture Board issued Acupuncture License
 24 number AC 6985 to Chang Ho Oh (Respondent). That license was in full force and effect at all
 25 times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 28, 2013, unless
 26 renewed.

JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the California Acupuncture Board (Board), under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 4928.1 of the Code states:

"Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Acupuncture Board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount."

5. Section 4955 of the Code states:

"The board may deny, suspend, or revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon, the license of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of unprofessional conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

"...

"(b) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist, the record of conviction being conclusive evidence thereof.

"...

"(d) Aiding or abetting in, or violating or conspiring in, directly or indirectly, the violation of the terms of this chapter or any regulation adopted by the board pursuant to this chapter.

"...

"(j) The violation of any law or local ordinance on an acupuncturist's business premises by an acupuncturist's employee or a person who is working under the acupuncturist's professional license or business permit, that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist. These violations shall subject the acupuncturist who employed the individuals, or under whose acupuncturist license the employee is working,

1 to disciplinary action.

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3 6. Section 4955.1 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

4 "The board may deny, suspend, revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon
5 the license of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of committing a fraudulent act
6 including, but not be limited to, any of the following:

7 "...

8 "(b) Committing a fraudulent or dishonest act as an acupuncturist.

9 "(c) Committing any act involving dishonesty or corruption with respect
10 to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist.

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12 7. Section 4961 of the Code states:

13 "(a) Every person who is now or hereafter licensed to practice acupuncture in
14 this state shall register, on forms prescribed by the Acupuncture Board, his or her
15 place of practice, or, if he or she has more than one place of practice, all of the places
16 of practice. If the licensee has no place of practice, he or she shall notify the board of
17 that fact. A person licensed by the board shall register within 30 days after the date of
18 his or her licensure.

19 "(b) An acupuncturist licensee shall post his or her license in a conspicuous
20 location in his or her place of practice at all times. If an acupuncturist has more than
21 one place of practice, he or she shall obtain from the board a duplicate license for
22 each additional location and post the duplicate license at each location.

23 "(c) Any licensee that changes the location of his or her place of practice shall
24 register each change within 30 days of making that change. In the event a licensee
25 fails to notify the board of any change in the address of a place of practice within the
26 time prescribed by this section, the board may deny renewal of licensure. An
27 applicant for renewal of licensure shall specify in his or her application whether or
28 not there has been a change in the location of his or her place of practice and, if so,

1 the date of that change. The board may accept that statement as evidence of the
2 change of address."

3 8. Section 4927, subdivision (d), of the Code states:

4 " 'Acupuncture' means the stimulation of a certain point or points on or near the
5 surface of the body by the insertion of needles to prevent or modify the perception of
6 pain or to normalize physiological functions, including pain control, treatment of
7 certain diseases or dysfunctions of the body and includes the techniques of
8 electroacupuncture, cupping, and moxibustion."

9 9. Section 4937 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

10 "An acupuncturist's license authorizes the holder thereof:

11 "(a) To engage in the practice of acupuncture.

12 "..."

13 10. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
14 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
15 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
16 enforcement of the case.

17 11. Section 141 of the Code states:

18 "(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction
19 of the department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the
20 federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the
21 practice regulated by the California license, may be a ground for disciplinary action
22' by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the
23 disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the
24 federal government, or another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events
25 related therein.

26 "(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from applying a specific
27 statutory provision in the licensing act administered by that board that provides for
28 discipline based upon a disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state,

1 an agency of the federal government, or another country."

2 12. Section 477 of the Code states:

3 "As used in this division:

4 "(a) 'Board' includes 'bureau,' 'commission,' 'committee,' 'department,'
5 'division,' 'examining committee,' 'program,' and 'agency.'

6 "(b) 'License' includes certificate, registration or other means to engage in
7 a business or profession regulated by this code."

8 13. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or
9 revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially
10 related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the
11 license was issued.

12 14. Section 119 of the California Penal Code states, in pertinent part:

13 "Any person who does any of the following is guilty of a misdemeanor:

14 "(a) Displays or causes or permits to be displayed or has in his or her
15 possession either of the following:

16 "(1) A canceled, revoked, suspended, or fraudulently altered
17 license.

18 "(2) A fictitious license or any document simulating a license or
19 purporting to be or have been issued as a license.

20 "(b) Lends his or her license to any other person or knowingly permits the
21 use thereof by another.

22 "(c) Displays or represents any license not issued to him or her as being
23 his or her license.

24 "(d) Fails or refuses to surrender to the issuing authority upon its lawful
25 written demand any license, registration, permit, or certificate which has been
26 suspended, revoked, or canceled.

27 "(e) Knowingly permits any unlawful use of a license issued to him or
28 her.

1 “(f) Photographs, photostats, duplicates, manufactures, or in any way
2 reproduces any license or facsimile thereof in a manner that it could be
3 mistaken for a valid license, or displays or has in his or her possession any such
4 photograph, photostat, duplicate, reproduction, or facsimile unless authorized
5 by this code.

6 “(g) Buys or receives a fraudulent, forged, or counterfeited license
7 knowing that it is fraudulent, forged, or counterfeited. For purposes of this
8 subdivision, "fraudulent" means containing any misrepresentation of fact.

9 “As used in this section, "license" includes "certificate," "permit," "authority,"
10 and "registration" or any other indicia giving authorization to engage in a business or
11 profession regulated by this code or referred to in Section 1000 or 3600.”

12 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

13 **(Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)**

14 15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4955(b) and 490 of the
15 Code in that he was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or
16 duties of an acupuncturist. The circumstances are as follows:

17 16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4955(b) and 490 of the
18 Code in that he was convicted of a crime which is substantially related to the qualifications,
19 functions and duties of his license. On or about May 12, 2011, in proceedings entitled *The*
20 *People Of The State Of California v. Chang Ho Oh*, case number RIM1001646, in the Superior
21 Court of California, County of Riverside, Respondent was convicted upon his plea of guilty to a
22 violation of Business and Professions Code section 119(e), to wit; knowingly permitting the
23 unlawful use of a license issued to him, commonly known as illegal use of a State of California
24 issued Acupuncture license.

25 On or about May 12, 2011, as a result of his plea, the Superior Court sentenced Respondent
26 to three (3) years probation, 30 days jail, assorted fines and assessments, and various other terms
27 and conditions of probation, including an order that Respondent may not be involved in any
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1 business that involves prostitution. The circumstances underlying Respondent's guilty plea and
2 sentence as stated above are as follows:

3 17. On or about November 19, 2010, two investigators from the Riverside County District
4 Attorney's Bureau of Investigation assigned to the Bureau's Special Prosecution Section went to
5 a business known as "J Acupuncture," located at 4640 Galena Street, Suite B1, in Riverside,
6 California, to conduct a compliance check of businesses with regard to various labor and
7 insurance laws. The businesses chosen by the investigators were suspected of operating as houses
8 of prostitution.

9 18. While at "J Acupuncture," both a business license as well as a separate acupuncture
10 license issued in Respondent's name were found displayed on a wall in the business. The
11 investigators removed both licenses and booked them into evidence.

12 19. On or about November 29, 2010, Respondent came to the Riverside District
13 Attorney's Office and spoke with one of the investigators who had been present during the
14 November 19, 2010, enforcement visit to "J Acupuncture." During a conversation with the
15 investigator, Respondent stated he was not the owner of "J Acupuncture," despite being shown
16 his business and acupuncture licenses which had been removed from the business wall by the
17 investigators.

18 After being shown the above-mentioned business and acupuncture licenses, Respondent
19 stated that two women owned the "J Acupuncture," the business where the licenses were
20 displayed on November 19, 2010.

21 20. During his conversation with the investigator, Respondent admitted he did in fact
22 own the "Star Health" acupuncture business, located at 638 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite #1, in
23 Los Angeles, California. Then Respondent further admitted he had not notified the State of
24 California Acupuncture Board of the "J Acupuncture" address due to his "laziness."

25 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

26 **(Failure to Register Places of Practice)**

27 21. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4961(a) of the Code in that
28 on or about November 29, 2010, in the interview referred to in paragraph 20 above, he admitted

1 he failed to register all his places of practice of acupuncture with the Acupuncture Board.

2 22. As set forth above, on or about November 29, 2010, Respondent admitted his failure
3 to register all of his acupuncture locations with the California Acupuncture Board.

4 **DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS**

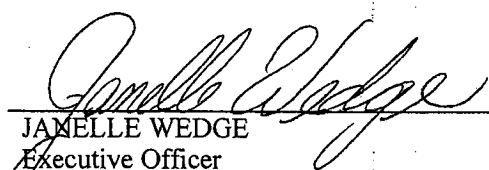
5 23. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent,
6 Complainant alleges the facts and circumstances in paragraphs 15 through 20 as incorporated by
7 reference as if set forth in full herein.

8 **PRAYER**

9 **WHEREFORE**, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
10 and that following the hearing, the Acupuncture Board issue a decision:

- 11 1. Revoking or suspending Acupuncture License number AC 6985, issued to Chang Ho
12 Oh, L.Ac.;
- 13 2. Ordering him to pay the Acupuncture Board the reasonable costs of the investigation
14 and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4959;
- 15 3. If placed on probation, ordering him to pay to the Acupuncture the costs of probation
16 monitoring;
- 17 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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19 DATED: JUN 25 2012

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