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9	BEFORE THE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD	
10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
11	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
12	In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation	Case No. 1A-2007-31
13	Against:	OAH No. L2008090487
14	HENRY DAVID LEE, L.Ac. 8878 Warner Avenue	FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION
15	Fountain Valley, CA 92708	
16	Acupuncturist License No. AC-8254	·
17	Respondent.	
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,	Complainant alleges:	
19	<u>PARTIES</u>	
20	1. Janelle Wedge (Complainant) brings this First Amended Accusation solely	
21	in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Acupuncture Board.	
22	.2. On or about March 20, 2002, the Acupuncture Board (Board) issued	
23	Acupuncturist License Number AC-8254 to Henry David Lee, L.Ac (Respondent). The	
24	Acupuncturist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought	
25	herein and will expire on May 31, 2009, unless renewed.	
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# JURISDICTION

- 3. This First Amended Accusation, which supercedes the Accusation filed on July 16, 2008, in the above-entitled matter, is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
  - 4. 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:

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"(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.

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5. Section 4955.1 of the Code states:

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

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- "(e) Failing to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to their patients."
  - 6. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.453, states:

"An acupuncturist shall keep complete and accurate records on each patient who is given acupuncture treatment, including but not limited to, treatments given and progress made as a result of the acupuncture treatments."

# 7. Section 726 of the Code states:

"The commission of any act of sexual abuse, misconduct, or relations with a patient, client, or customer constitutes unprofessional conduct and grounds for disciplinary action for any person licensed under this division, under any initiative act referred to in this division and under Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 9000) of Division 3.

"This section shall not apply to sexual contact between a physician and surgeon and his or her spouse or person in an equivalent domestic relationship when that physician and surgeon provides medical treatment, other than psychotherapeutic treatment, to his or her spouse or person in an equivalent domestic relationship."

# RECOVERY OF COSTS

- 8. Section 4959 of the Code states:
- "(a) The board may request the administrative law judge, under his or her proposed decision in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the board, to direct any licensee found guilty of unprofessional conduct to pay to the board a sum not to exceed actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the case.
- "(b) The costs to be assessed shall be fixed by the administrative law judge and shall not in any event be increased by the board. When the board does not adopt a proposed decision and remands the case to an administrative law judge, the administrative law judge shall not increase the amount of any costs assessed in the proposed decision."
- "(c) When the payment directed in the board's order for payment of costs is not made by the licensee, the board may enforce the order for payment in the superior court in the county where the administrative hearing was held. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights the board may have as to any licensee directed to pay costs.

- "(d) In any judicial action for the recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.
- "(e) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement for costs incurred and shall be deposited in the Acupuncture Fund."

# FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Sexual Misconduct/Relations with a Patient)

- 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4955 and 726 of the Code, in that he has engaged in sexual misconduct, and/or has had a sexual relations with a patient. The circumstances are as follows:
- 10. From about January 2004, Respondent began providing acupuncture treatment to patient D.T.
- 11. Respondent continued to provide Respondent acupuncture treatment to patient D.T. until about June 2006.
- 12. Between January 2004 and June 2006, Respondent had an ongoing, consensual sexual relationship with patient D.T.
- 13. Between January 2004 and June 2006, Respondent engaged in consensual sexual acts, including but not limited to sexual intercourse, with patient D.T. in Respondent's office on multiple occasions.

#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Keep Accurate Records)

- 14. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under section 4955.1, subdivision (e) of the Code, and section 1399.453 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, in that he failed to keep complete and accurate records regarding his provision of acupuncture services to patient D.T. The circumstances are as follows:
- 15. Paragraphs 10 and 11, above, are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

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- 16. Between January 2004 and July 9, 2006, patient D.T. wrote checks to Respondent for acupuncture treatments on at least twenty-four occasions.
- 17. Between January 2004 and June 2006, Respondent entered treatment notes in patient D.T.'s medical records only twice, on March 30, 2004 and April 2, 2004.
- 18. Respondent failed to chart the acupuncture treatments he provided to patient D.T., and he additionally failed to chart patient D.T.'s progress from such treatments.
- 19. On or about April 29, 2008, Respondent admitted to Senior Investigator A.H. that he did not chart patient D.T.'s progress because she was his "girlfriend."

# THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of Acupuncture Licensure Act or Regulation)

- 20. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under section 4955, as defined by section 4955, subdivision (d), of the Code, in that he has violated the terms of the Acupuncture Licensure Act, or a regulation adopted by the Board pursuant to the Acupuncture Licensure Act. The circumstances are as follows:
- 21. Paragraphs 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, above, are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

# FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

- 22. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under section 4955 of the Code, in that he has engaged in unprofessional conduct by breaching the rules or ethical code of conduct of the profession of acupuncture, or by engaging in conduct unbecoming to an acupuncturist in good standing in the profession and which demonstrates an unfitness to practice acupuncture.<sup>1</sup> The circumstances are as follows:
- 23. Paragraphs 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, and 20, above, are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

<sup>1.</sup> See Shea v. Board of Medical Examiners (1978) 81 Cal. App.3d 564, 575.

# **PRAYER**

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Acupuncturist License Number AC-8254, issued to Henry David Lee, L.Ac.;
- 2. Ordering Henry David Lee, L.Ac., to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4959;
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: JAN 6 2009

JANELLE WEDGE

Acupuncture Board
State of California

Complainant