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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

CHAD A. SCHLEIGER, D.C.,  
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

**ORDER 0007191**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 CHI 027  
Division of Hearing and Appeals Case No. SPS-20-0013

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Chad A. Schleiger, D.C.  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

Wisconsin Chiropractic Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8366  
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Chiropractic Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A disciplinary proceeding was commenced in this matter by the filing of a Notice of Hearing and Complaint with the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Hearing and Appeals (DHA) on April 17, 2020 (DHA Case No. SPS-20-0013). Prior to the hearing on the Complaint, the parties in this matter agreed to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Chiropractic Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable. Accordingly, the

Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Chad A. Schleiger, D.C., (DOB xx/xx/1984) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a chiropractor, having license number 4789-12, first issued on August 22, 2011, and current through December 14, 2020. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121.
2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent owned and operated Wellness Pointe Chiropractic, a chiropractic and wellness clinic located in Elkhorn, Wisconsin (Wellness Clinic).
3. On October 25, 2016, Respondent began treating Patient A, a female born 1979. Patient A sought treatment for issues at C, T9, T12, T2, L2, and L5. Respondent provided both chiropractic adjustments to Patient A and wellness treatment during the course of treatment.
4. Between October 25, 2016 and December 12, 2016, Respondent saw Patient A for sixteen (16) office visits at the Wellness Clinic where he performed chiropractic adjustments to Patient A's spine.
5. On December 12, 2016, Respondent transitioned Patient A to wellness treatment at the Wellness Clinic which consisted of providing the patient chiropractic adjustments, diet, and lifestyle advice. Respondent's treatment note for the visit states that care would continue until "patient quits."
6. Between December 12, 2016 and July 10, 2017, Respondent provided care to Patient A at forty-one (41) office visits at the Wellness Clinic. These visits included both wellness care and chiropractic adjustments to Patient A's spine. During the period of treatment, Respondent engaged in intimate and personal conversations with Patient A by telephone and via text messaging.
7. Patient A was treated by Respondent on July 10, 2017, during which the charting indicated that a chiropractic adjustment occurred.
8. On August 17, 2017, Respondent engaged in sexual intercourse with Patient A.
9. On December 18, 2017, Patient A filed a complaint with the Department related to Respondent.
10. At no time did Respondent terminate the chiropractic-patient relationship with Patient A.
11. On August 16, 2019, Respondent attended a course on Professional Boundaries and Chiropractic Practice, totaling six credits.

12. Respondent neither admits or denies the foregoing Findings of Fact, but to resolve this matter without further litigation, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Chiropractic Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 441.07 and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Chad A. Schleiger, D.C., violated Wis. Admin. Code § Chir. 6.02(7), by engaging in sexual contact, exposure, gratification, or other sexual behavior with or in the presence of a patient.

3. As a result of the above conduct, Chad A. Schleiger, D.C., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 446.03.

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Chad A. Schleiger, D.C., (license number 4789-12) is **SUSPENDED** for ninety (90) days from the date of this Order.

3. The license to practice chiropractic issued to Chad A. Schleiger, D.C., (license number 4789-12) is **LIMITED** as follows:

a. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall at Respondent's own expense take and successfully complete the *Professional Boundaries and Chiropractic Practice* 12.00 credit course offered by the The Wise DC, or an equivalent course that has been pre-approved by the Board or its designee.

b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.

c. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Board or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all of the ordered education.

4. Within 180 days from the date of this Order, Chad A. Schleiger, D.C., shall pay **COSTS** of this matter in the amount of \$15,515.00.

5. Request for approval of courses, proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
[DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov)

Respondent may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here:

<https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>

6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (4789-12), or Respondent's right to renew his license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING BOARD

by:



A Member of the Board

28 January 2021

Date

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STIPULATION

**ORDER 0007191**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 CHI 027

Respondent Chad A. Schleiger, D.C., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent is represented by Attorney Mario Mendoza.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Chiropractic Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Chad Schleiger

Chad Schleiger (Nov 11, 2020 14:06 CST)

Chad A. Schleiger, D.C., Respondent  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

November 11, 2020

Date

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Date