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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF

YADIRA RAVANALES,
RESPONDENT.

:
: ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION
:
: **ORDER 0007986**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 UNL 25 (MAB)

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

Yadira Ravanales
Milwaukee, WI 53204

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Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
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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 Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Department adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Yadira Ravanales (Respondent), (YOB 1996), is not and has never been licensed as a massage therapist in the state of Wisconsin.
2. In April 2022, the Department received notice that Respondent was advertising and acting as a licensed massage therapist. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) subsequently opened Case Number 22 UNL 25 (MAB) for investigation.
3. The investigation uncovered that Respondent maintained a website, and several social media accounts, advertising that she was a licensed massage therapist. The website also allowed potential customers to book appointments for massage therapy with Respondent. Respondent also possessed business cards advertising the same.

4. As of May 5, 2022, Respondent has removed all references to a massage therapy license and the ability to book appointments from her website and social media sites. Respondent affirmed to DLSC that that she understands she cannot hold herself out and practice as a massage therapist, or hand out business cards providing the same, without first obtaining proper licensure.

5. Respondent previously attended an institute that provided massage therapy instruction. Respondent hopes to complete all requirements necessary to obtain licensure as a massage therapist in the near future.

6. Respondent agrees to resolve this matter with the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 3 and Wis. Stat. § 440.21, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 460.02, no person may provide massage therapy or bodywork therapy, designate himself or herself as a massage therapist or bodywork therapist or masseur or masseuse, or use or assume the title regarding the same. unless the person is licensed under this chapter.

3. The conduct described above constitutes unlicensed practice as a massage therapist, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 460.02.

ORDER

1. The attached stipulation is accepted.

2. Unless and until Respondent is properly licensed as a massage therapist by the Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board (Board), Respondent is enjoined and prohibited from practicing as a massage therapist, or using any title or designation which represents or may tend to represent that Respondent is licensed as a massage therapist in the state of Wisconsin. Violation of this special order may result in a forfeiture of up to \$10,000 for each day of violation. See Wis. Stat. § 440.21(4)(a).

3. If the Department determines that there is probable cause to believe that Respondent has violated any terms of this Administrative Injunction, the Department may refer the violations to the appropriate prosecutorial unit for review for possible criminal charges.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

By: A. Rohmeyer
Aloysius Rohmeyer, Chief Legal Counsel
On behalf of the Department

5/25/2022
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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IN THE MATTER OF

YADIRA RAVANALES,
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STIPULATION

ORDER 0007986

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 UNL 25 (MAB)

Yadira Ravanales (Respondent), and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance (Division), Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department), stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division. 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.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Administrative Injunction by the Department. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Administrative Injunction without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Department's Administrative Injunction, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Department, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the

Department, the parties agree not to contend that the Department 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 for the Department may appear before the Department for the purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the Department may have in connection with deliberations on this Stipulation.

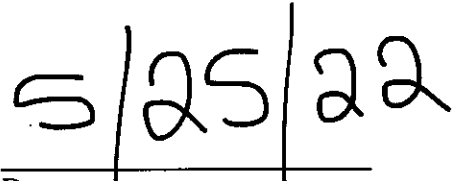
7. Respondent is informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation; the Department's Administrative Injunction is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. Respondent is further informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department's Administrative Injunction will be reported as required by the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB) Guidebook and as otherwise required by any licensure compact or any other state or federal law.

9. The Division joins Respondent in recommending the Department adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Administrative Injunction.



Yadira Ravanales, Respondent
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Date



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