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9 **BEFORE THE**  
10 **BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**  
11 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. AC 2024-1392

13 **RONALD MARK MICHALSKI**  
14 **1131 W La Entrada Cir**  
**Anaheim, CA 92801**

**ACCUSATION**

15 **Chiropractic License No. DC 19912**

16 Respondent.

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19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Kristin Walker (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as  
21 the Executive Officer of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Department of Consumer Affairs  
22 (Board).

23 2. On or about July 29, 1989, the Board issued Chiropractic License Number DC 19912  
24 to Ronald Mark Michalski (Respondent). The Chiropractic License was in full force and effect at  
25 all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2026, unless renewed.

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## **JURISDICTION**

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following sections of the Chiropractic Act (Act).<sup>1</sup>

4. Section 10 of the Act states that the Board may suspend or revoke a license to practice chiropractic or may place the license on probation for violations of the rules and regulations adopted by the Board or for any cause specified in the Act.

5. Business and Professions Code (Code) section 118, subdivision (b), provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender, or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board, Registrar, or Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

6. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 372 states:

The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by the board, or its suspension, or forfeiture by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground.

## **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

7. Code section 726, subdivision (a), states:

(a) 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 or under any initiative act referred to in this division.

## **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 316, subdivision (c) states:

(c) The commission of any act of sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, or sexual relations by a licensee with a patient, client, customer or employee is unprofessional conduct and cause for disciplinary action. This conduct is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a chiropractic license.

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<sup>1</sup> The Chiropractic Act, an initiative measure approved by the electors on November 7, 1922, while not included in the Business and Professions Code by the legislature, is set out in West's Annotated California Codes as sections 1000-1 to 1000-19, and is included in Deering's California Codes as Appendix I, for convenient reference.

1 9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 316.5, states in pertinent part:

2 (a) For the purposes of the denial, suspension or revocation of a license  
3 pursuant to Section 141 of the Business and Professions Code, Division 1.5  
4 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, or a violation  
5 of Section 10(b) of the Chiropractic Initiative Act of California, a crime, professional  
6 misconduct, or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications,  
7 functions or duties of a licensee, if, to a substantial degree, it evidences present or  
8 potential unfitness of a person holding a license to perform the functions authorized  
9 by the license in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or welfare.

10 (b) In making the substantial relationship determination required under  
11 subdivision (a) for a crime, the Board shall consider all of the following criteria:

12 (1) The nature and gravity of the offense.

13 (2) The number of years elapsed since the date of the offense.

14 (3) The nature and duties of a chiropractor.

15 (c) For purposes of subdivision (a), a substantially related crime, professional  
16 misconduct, or act shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

17 (1) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or  
18 abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of the  
19 Chiropractic Initiative Act of California, these regulations and/or other state or federal  
20 laws governing the practice of chiropractic.

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22 10. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317, states:

23 The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of  
24 unprofessional conduct which has been brought to its attention, or whose license has  
25 been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.

26 Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

27 (a) Gross negligence;

28 (b) Repeated negligent acts;

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(e) Any conduct which has endangered or is likely to endanger the health,  
welfare, or safety of the public;

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(k) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or  
corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of the individual's activities as  
a license holder, or otherwise.

11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 318, subdivision (a) states:

(a) Chiropractic Patient Records. Each licensed chiropractor is required to maintain all active and inactive chiropractic patient records for five years from the date of the doctor's last treatment of the patient unless state or federal laws require a longer period of retention. Active chiropractic records are all chiropractic records of patients treated within the last 12 months. Chiropractic patient records shall be classified as inactive when there has elapsed a period of more than 12 months since the date of the last patient treatment.

All chiropractic patient records shall be available to any representative of the Board upon presentation of patient's written consent or a valid legal order. Active chiropractic patient records shall be immediately available to any representative of the Board at the chiropractic office where the patient has been or is being treated. Inactive chiropractic patient records shall be available upon ten days notice to any representative of the Board. The location of said inactive records shall be reported immediately upon request.

Active and inactive chiropractic patient records must include all of the following:

- (1) Patient's full name, date of birth, and social security number (if available);
- (2) Patient gender, height and weight. An estimated height and weight is acceptable where the physical condition of the patient prevents actual measurement;
- (3) Patient history, complaint, diagnosis/analysis, and treatment must be signed by the primary treating doctor. Thereafter, any treatment rendered by any other doctor must be signed or initialed by said doctor;
- (4) Signature of patient;
- (5) Date of each and every patient visit;
- (6) All chiropractic X-rays, or evidence of the transfer of said X-rays;
- (7) Signed written informed consent as specified in Section 319.1.

#### **COST RECOVERY**

12. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317.5, subdivision (a), states:

In any order in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the Chiropractic Initiative Act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

**Patient 1:**

13. In or about April through May 2021, Respondent treated Patient 1 for back, leg, and wrist pain, sciatica, and numbness/tingling in her hands at Soloway Chiropractic in Orange, California.

14. Throughout treatment, Respondent did not perform physical examinations of patient 1 nor did he complete physical examination sheets. He also did not record the patient 1's height and weight.

15. Respondent recorded in the medical records that he provided Patient 1 with trigger point therapy to decrease the muscle spasm in her back, but did not record evidence or documentation of trigger points being found during the examination nor were trigger points mentioned as a diagnosis, or specific muscles listed as having trigger points in the records.

16. On May 21, 2021, as he entered the examination room, Respondent initially asked patient 1, "what position do you like?"

17. While patient 1 was lying on her stomach on the examination table, Respondent used a hand massager tool on Patient 1's buttocks and pushed the tool into her anus area telling her, "now I'm going to do my Friday flirting." He then whispered suggestive comments to patient 1, such as be quiet and just enjoy it.

18. Respondent then guided patient 1 onto her back. He touched her inner thighs and fondled her vaginal area as he made tongue gestures with his mouth open. When patient 1 told Respondent to stop, he laughed and told her to be quiet.

19. Respondent lifted patient 1 off the table by wrapping both of his arms around patient 1. He took patient 1's hands in his hands and kissed them in a manner patient 1 perceived to be very slow and deliberate while looking into her eyes.

20. Patient 1 left and went to the reception area while Respondent followed her. Respondent stood behind the receptionist, stared at Patient 1, and gestured again with his tongue with his mouth open as patient 1 interacted with the receptionist.

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**Patient 2:**

21. In or about August 2018 through January 2019, Respondent treated patient 2 for neck and upper back pain and headaches/migraines at The Joint Chiropractic in Chino Hills, California.

22. On December 16, 2018, Respondent treated patient 2 and made sexual advances toward Patient 2, including attempting to kiss her. Respondent told patient 2 that he wanted to be present when Respondent took a hot bath with Epsom salts following her treatment.

23. At another session, he told patient 2 that he wanted to be her husband for the day and roll in the sheets with her.

**Patient 3:**

24. In or about August 2018 through December 2018, Respondent treated patient 3 for neck, shoulder, knee, and back pain and headaches at The Joint Chiropractic in Chino Hills, California.

25. Throughout treatment, Respondent recorded that patient 3 had no pain and no headaches even though her intake forms indicated that her pain and headaches were the reason for seeking chiropractic treatment. He also recorded the wrong age for patient 3 in the medical records.

26. Respondent did not record the characteristics of patient 3's shoulder, back and knee pain. He recorded that her spinal ranges of motion were "mildly restricted" without recording the degree or percentages. Respondent also failed to record any diagnoses, assessments and objective findings or types of treatments performed.

27. Respondent did not perform standardized chiropractic examinations, including chiropractic/orthopedic/neurological assessments.

28. During the December 18, 2018, treatment, Respondent gave patient 3 an "extra-long" hug and had to stop himself from kissing her.

29. During treatment, Respondent rubbed patient 3's inner thigh close to her vagina. He then lifted patient 3, stood behind her, breathed hard and positioned his penis between patient 3's buttocks.

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1           30. At the end of the treatment, Respondent intertwined his fingers with patient 3's  
2 fingers, pulled her head towards him, puckered his lips, and attempted to kiss patient 3.

3           **Patient 4:**

4           31. In or about June 2018 through January 2019, Respondent treated patient 4 for neck  
5 and back pain at The Joint Chiropractic in Chino Hills, California.

6           32. Respondent diagnosed patient 4 with having segmental dysfunctions of the cervical  
7 spine, thoracic spine, lumbar spine, and sacrum but did not document any palpatory tenderness,  
8 spasms, or vertebral misalignments. He also failed to document objective examination findings,  
9 the type of treatment rendered and physical examinations. He also created two identical sets of  
10 treatment notes for the same dates with the exception he added subluxations and manipulation to  
11 one of the chart notes.

12          33. During the January 18, 2019, treatment, Respondent told patient 4 that "you don't  
13 want me to be mad because I will do things like this," as he touched and slapped her hip and  
14 buttocks. He then told her, "I bet you liked that." Patient 4 also perceived that Respondent  
15 groped her because he "lingered" when adjusting and made other comments which patient 4  
16 perceived as creepy.

17                           **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

18                           **(Sexual Misconduct or Relations with Patients)**

19          34. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under California Code of Regulations,  
20 title 16, section 316, subdivision (c) and Business and Professions Code section 726, subdivision  
21 (a), for sexual misconduct or sexual relations with patients, as set forth in paragraphs 13 through  
22 33 above.

23                           **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

24                           **(Gross Negligence)**

25          35. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under California Code of Regulations,  
26 title 16, section 317, subdivision (a), for gross negligence in his care and treatment of patients, as  
27 set forth in paragraphs 13 through 33 above, as follows:

28          a. The acts of sexual misconduct or sexual relations with patients 1-4.

- 1 b. Respondent failed to perform physical examinations of patients 1 and 4 and fill out  
2 physical examination sheets for patient 1.

3 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 **(Repeated Negligent Acts)**

5 36. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under California Code of Regulations,  
6 title 16, section 317, subdivision (b), for repeated negligent acts as set forth in paragraphs 13  
7 through 33 above, and as follows:

- 8 a. Complainant incorporates the acts set forth in paragraph 35.  
9 b. Respondent failed to maintain adequate medical records for patients 1, 3 and 4.  
10 c. Respondent failed to perform standardized chiropractic examinations on patient 3.

11 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

12 **(Conduct Likely to Endanger Health, Welfare, or Safety of the Public)**

13 37. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under California Code of Regulations,  
14 title 16, section 317, subdivision (e), because he engaged in conduct that has endangered, or is  
15 likely to endanger, public health, welfare, or safety when he engaged in sexual misconduct and/or  
16 relations with patients 1-4, as set forth in paragraphs 13 through 33 above.

17 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

18 **(Commission of Act Involving Moral Turpitude)**

19 38. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under California Code of Regulations,  
20 title 16, section 317, subdivision (k), because he engaged in conduct that involves moral turpitude  
21 when he engaged in sexual misconduct and/or relations with patients 1-4, as set forth in  
22 paragraphs 13 through 33 above.

23 **SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

24 **(Recordkeeping Violations)**

25 39. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under California Code of Regulations,  
26 title 16, section 318, subdivision (a), because he failed to keep accurate and complete records for  
27 patients 1, 3 and 4, including documenting their history, complaint, diagnosis/analysis, treatment,  
28 height, and weight, as set forth in paragraphs 13 through 33 above.



1 **SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

3 40. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under California Code of Regulations,  
4 title 16, section 317, in that he committed unprofessional conduct as set forth in paragraphs 13  
5 through 33.

6 **PRAYER**

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

9 1. Revoking or suspending Chiropractic License Number DC 19912, issued to Ronald  
10 Mark Michalski;

11 2. Ordering Ronald Mark Michalski to pay the Board of Chiropractic Examiners the  
12 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Title 16, California  
13 Code of Regulations, section 317.5 and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring;  
14 and,

15 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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17 DATED: 11/17/2025

Signature on File

18 KRISTIN WALKER

Executive Officer

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

19 Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

20 *Complainant*

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