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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE THERAPY**

In the Matter of:

STEVEN D. HALL
Holder of License No. **MT-13094**

BOARD CASE NO. 18-106

For the Practice as a Massage Therapist
In the State of Arizona

DECISION AND ORDER

RESPONDENT

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On February 26, 2018, during a regularly scheduled board meeting, the Arizona State Board of Massage Therapy (“Board”) held an Administrative Hearing to hear evidence, testimony and arguments regarding this case. Assistant Attorney General Michael Raine represented the State. Steven D. Hall, LMT, (“Respondent”) appeared on his own behalf. Assistant Attorney General, Mary DeLaat Williams, of the Licensing and Enforcement Section of the Attorney General’s Office, appeared in person to provide independent legal advice to the Board. After hearing all of the evidence and arguments presented by the parties, the Board issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

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FINDINGS OF FACT

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1. On September 12, 2017, Respondent provided massage therapy services at his personal residence to client RM, a female.
 2. During the massage, Respondent massaged RM’s breasts without her prior written consent.
 3. Respondent also uncovered and touched RM’s bare vulva.
 4. Respondent told RM that she was physically attractive.
 5. Respondent has a disciplinary history with the Board that may be used as an aggravating factor when determining the level of discipline, if any, for violations that the Board may find from the foregoing factual allegations.

1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 1. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline
3 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(6) (engaging in any act or practice in violation of this chapter or
4 any board rule).

5 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline
6 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(10) (engaging in conduct that could result in harm or injury to
7 the public).

8 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline
9 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(13) (practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope of the
10 practice of massage therapy).

11 4. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline
12 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(14) (engaging in the performance of substandard care by a
13 massage therapist due to a deliberate or negligent act or failure to act, regardless of whether actual
14 injury to the person cared for is established).

15 5. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline
16 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(15) (engaging in any sexual activity with a client, as that term is
17 defined in A.R.S. § 32-4253(B)(2)(a) (sexual conduct) and (c) (making sexual advance of engaging
18 in physical contact of a sexual nature), and (e) (massaging a client’s breasts without written
19 consent).

20 6. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline
21 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(16) (failing to adhere to the recognized standards and ethics of
22 the massage therapy profession).

23 **ORDER**

24 Based on the foregoing, the Board **REVOKES** the Respondent’s massage therapy license
25 no. MT-13094.


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1 **NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

2 Respondent is hereby notified that he has the right to petition for a rehearing or review by
3 filing a petition with the Board's Executive Director within thirty (30) days after service of this
4 Order. A.R.S. § 41-1092.09. The petition must set forth legally sufficient reasons for granting a
5 rehearing. A.A.C. R4-15-401(C). Service of this Order is effective on the date of personal delivery
6 or five days after the date of mailing. If a motion for rehearing is not filed, the Board's Order
7 becomes effective thirty (30) days after it is mailed to the Respondent. Respondent is further
8 notified that the filing of a motion for rehearing is required to preserve any rights of appeal to the
9 Superior Court.

10 DATED this 7th day of March, 2018

11 ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

12 By: 
13 Ryan P. Edmonson, Executive Director

14 Original Decision and Order
15 filed this 7th day of March 2018 with the:

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