# BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

In the Matter of

Board Case Nos.

JACK ROGERSON, LMT

20-125 20-143

Holder of License No. MT-01531 As a Massage Therapist In the State of Arizona

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR SURRENDER OF MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSE

In the interest of a prompt and judicious settlement of this case, consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements and the responsibilities of the Arizona State Board of Massage Therapy (Board) under A.R.S. § 32-4201, et. seq., Jack Rogerson (Respondent), holder of Massage Therapist License Number MT-01531 in the State of Arizona, and the Board enter into the following Recitals, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order (Consent Agreement) as a final disposition of this matter.

#### RECITALS

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney, or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney.
- 2. Respondent understands that he has a right to a public administrative hearing concerning this matter, at which hearing Respondent could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent knowingly and voluntarily relinquishes all right to such an administrative hearing, as well as rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters set forth herein.

- 3. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable.
- 4. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the agreement may be considered in any future disciplinary action by the Board against Respondent.
- 5. Respondent understands this Consent Agreement deals with Board case number 20-125 and 20-143 involving allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that would subject Respondent to discipline under the Board's statutes and rules. The investigation into these allegations against Respondent shall be concluded upon the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement.
- 6. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of any other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action or proceeding.
- 7. Notwithstanding any language in this Consent Agreement and Order, this Consent Agreement and Order does not preclude in any way any other State agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent, including but not limited to, violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Board, this Consent Agreement and Order makes no representations, implied or otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other state agency or officer or political subdivisions of the State relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent.

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Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, upon signing this Consent

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- 2. Respondent is the holder of license number MT-01531 to practice as a Massage Therapist in the State of Arizona.
- 3. On October 23, 2019, the Board received a complaint from MM a coworker of the Respondent. The complaint alleged that Respondent, who is the former owner of and now a massage therapist at MM's place of employment, exposed himself both genitals and anus to MM while she was giving him a massage, stating, "I'm not shy. I don't use a sheet." Respondent after noticing that MM was uncomfortable, poorly placed a washcloth over his genitals, but allowed it to continually move around exposing his genitals.
- 4. The complaint also alleged that on or about the same time MM was required to have a massage from Respondent as part of her training regimen. MM stated that Respondent demanded that she be naked for the massage and refused to cover MM with a sheet. Respondent then fondled MM's breast below the pectorals, stating he was giving her a breast exam.
- 5. The complaint further alleged that on another occasion, while Respondent was massaging MM, he reached around the front of her hips and placed his hand over her unclothed vagina. MM immediately ended the session.
- 5. On October 24, 2019, the Board received a complaint from JL, a coworker of the Respondent. The complaint alleged that in September of 2019, after joining the Respondents place of work, she witnessed him fondling women's breasts and touching the inner thighs of women in inappropriate places during her training sessions with Respondent.
- 6. The complaint also alleged that during training sessions with Respondent he would refuse to wear clothes or be draped. He would continually ask for JL to massage his glutes as she "still needed to train," according to Respondent. This conduct

made JL uncomfortable and after no change in Respondent's behavior, JL resigned from employment.

- 7. On January 7, 2020, the Board received a complaint from ES. The complaint alleged that after being hired in September 2019 at Respondent's place of employment, ES was required to give Respondent a massage to determine if she was skilled enough. When ES entered the room, Respondent was naked on top of the table without covering. ES made Respondent cover himself up.
- 8. The complaint further alleged that Respondent then told ES that he had to give her a massage as well. During the massage ES noted that there was a mirror on the wall that allowed Respondent to see her naked body as she turned over on the bed. The complaint states that Respondent also made jokes that ES's breast were "peeking" out at him.
- 9. At its November 23, 2020, meeting the Board voted to offer this Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of his license.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter and over Respondent pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4201 et seq.
- 2. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement with a massage therapist and accept the surrender of an active license from a massage therapist who admits to having committed an act, which would subject the licensee to discipline under the Board's statutes or rules. See A.R.S. § 32-4254(O)(2).
- 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(8), which states, "committing an act of malpractice, gross negligence or incompetency."

- 4. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253 (A)(10), which states, "engaging in conduct that could harm the public."
- 4. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(14), which states, "Engaging in the performance of substandard care by a massage therapist due to a deliberate or negligent act or failure to act, regardless of whether actual injury to the person cared for is established."
- 6. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(16), which states, "failing to adhere to the recognized standards and ethics of the massage therapy profession."
- 7. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(23), which states, "violating Board statutes, rules, or orders" as it relates to A.R.S § 32-4253(B)(2)(d), which defines "sexual activity" as ["Intentionally viewing a completely or partially disrobed massage therapy client in the course of treatment if the viewing is not related to treatment under current practice standards and is intended to appeal to the prurient interest of the massage therapy client or the massage therapist."].

#### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that License Number MT-01531 issued to Jack Rogerson to practice as a massage therapist in the State of Arizona is hereby SURRENDERED.

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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