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Press Release

September 22, 2009

### **Board Proposes to Revoke Chiropractic License**

The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (OBCE) is proposing to revoke the chiropractic license of Gregory Moll DC, Stayton. A Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action was issued today after a lengthy investigation documented allegations of inappropriate behavior with a number of past and present female patients.

Anyone with additional information may contact the OBCE's investigator at 503-373-1615.

Dr. Moll now has 30 days in which to respond and request a contested case hearing before an impartial administrative law judge. Following contested case hearing, the judge makes findings and issues a proposed order for the Board's consideration. After the Board makes a final decision, the licensee may appeal the decision to the Oregon Court of Appeals.

The OBCE is the state agency responsible for licensing and regulation of the chiropractic profession with a primary mission of public protection. Decisions are made by a seven-member board consisting of five chiropractic physicians and two public members.

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For more information contact Dave McTeague, Executive Director, at 503-373-1620, or by email [dave.mcteague@state.or.us](mailto:dave.mcteague@state.or.us)

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BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS  
STATE OF OREGON

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In the Matter of )  
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Gregory Moll DC ) **NOTICE OF PROPOSED**  
License No: 2760 ) **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**  
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Licensee. ) **Case # 2009-5007**  
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The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereafter "Board" or "OBCE") is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining chiropractic physicians and certified chiropractic assistants in the State of Oregon. Gregory Moll, D.C. (hereafter "Licensee"), is a licensed chiropractic physician in Oregon. The Board proposes to discipline Licensee for the following reasons:

1.

In 1998 or 1999 Patient 1 became a patient of Licensee. Patient 1 was in a motor vehicle accident and sought treatment with Licensee. During a treatment Licensee discussed intimate sexual details of his relationship with his wife with Patient 1. This made Patient 1 feel awkward. Patient 1 stopped seeing Licensee because of this type of behavior. In 2002 Patient 1 began to have issues with her neck. In crisis and not having found another chiropractor, she returned to Licensee hoping for fast relief. Patient 1 was vulnerable at the time as her father had just died and she was in a lot of pain and Licensee would comfort her during this time. During treatments, Licensee would make certain sexual advances towards her. For example, he told her it wasn't ok to be her friend unless there was a physical relationship.

Licensee continued to pressure Patient 1 for a relationship and she finally acquiesced having two sexual encounters while still being treated as a patient by Licensee. There were two occasions of kissing and oral sex, one at her home and another at Licensee's vacation home.

In the spring of 2003, Patient 1 recalled that while she was waiting for treatment Licensee came in, pressed against her against a wall and began kissing her. She also remembers Licensee kissing her while on the treatment table during that treatment.

Patient 1 was treated as a patient, receiving chiropractic treatment from Licensee, while this intimate relationship developed and continued. Occasionally Licensee would bill insurance for her post motor vehicle accident treatments.

At the end of the relationship, Licensee became demanding, controlling and frightening to Patient 1. Patient 1 was trying to cease the relationship and Licensee did not like that. Licensee began to threaten her through e mails and phone calls saying he would cause trouble in her family. Patient 1 felt frightened and felt Licensee was very unstable and continues to fear for her safety.

2.

Patient 2 became a patient of Licensee in 2001. He was recommended to her after a motor vehicle accident occurred while on a trip. She recalls having quite a few treatments with her and that they were billed by insurance. During the treatments Licensee invited her to a party at Patient 1's home. Patient 2 recalled Licensee was there with his wife and they were having a fight. He made a comment to his wife saying if his wife got someone else, then he got Patient 2, referring to them as possessions.

Within a month or so of treatment ceasing, Licensee offered to have Patient 2 move into his house in the upstairs bedroom, with his wife still living there. Patient 2 was on the verge of being homeless so she took Licensee up on his offer. Licensee comforted Patient 2 with her boyfriend issues and kept encouraging her to stay at his home. Soon after moving in, Patient 2 started to notice destructive behavior of Licensee, where he constantly harassed his wife and Patient 1. He was constantly on the phone, texting, e mailing, or dropping in on his wife and Patient 1. He talked incessantly about his wife and Patient 1 to Patient 2, and Patient 2 was in the car when he followed and stalked his wife and Patient 2. This developed into an intimate and sexual relationship between Licensee and Patient 2. They would have sexual intercourse in the house on several occasions during this 2-3 month period.

Patient 2 moved out of the home and decided after 6 months of dating Licensee and moving into another house with him alone, she had had enough. He became controlling and obsessed and asked Patient 2 to stay with him. After she had moved out, things got worse. Licensee called her constantly, left threatening messages, wrote e mails and showed up at her job and apartment just waiting for her. Patient 2 told him repeatedly to stop contacting and harassing her. At one point she saw him waiting in his car outside of her employment. She contacted police and it seemed to stop his actions for a bit of time. Patient 2 is fearful for her safety and what Licensee may do.

3.

Patient 3 first met Licensee when she became a patient in April 1997 and continued for treatment through 2008. At some point during her treatment she got divorced. Licensee then began dating Patient 3 in early 2009 and continues to date her currently. In the medical records

from Licensee of Patient 3, there is no indication in the file of any termination of the doctor/patient relationship.

4.

Patient 4 was a competitive body builder and fitness model and was a patient of Licensee's in the late 2008. She had 3-4 visits over 6 month's time. During treatment, Licensee was very flirtatious and free with the sexual innuendos in conversation while providing treatments. In 2009 Licensee asked her out for a date and she considered dating him but did not. Patient 4 indicated that Licensee was quite persistent in his pursuit of her while she was being treated.

5.

Patient 5 also worked at the clinic as a Licensed Massage Therapist and received treatments. Licensee and Patient 5 spent a lot of time together at work and this was during the time of approximately 2001. Licensee was prone to inappropriate comments, flirting with her, making propositions, whether it was in the clinic or a treatment room. Patient 5 indicated that she would rebuke his advances for the most part but that Licensee was very insistent in trying to get her to become sexually involved with him. He told her at one point that he had feelings for her and went to her home to approach her husband to tell him of his feelings toward her. Patient 5's husband threw him off their property.

6.

Patient 6 dated Licensee prior to becoming a patient. They had an intimate relationship that was on and off again for five years from 2004 forward. During that intimate relationship,

Licensee told Patient 6 of some intimate details about romantic and sexual relationships he had had with patients. He confessed to her that he had several sexual relationships with patients in his office.

Patient 6 also became aware of personal information about another patient that the patient had shared with Licensee during her treatment that was deeply personal and sensitive. This patient also happened to be a friend of Patient 6's. When Patient 6 told her friend that Licensee was discussing private and personal information about her with Patient 6, this friend was horrified to learn he had breached her patient confidentiality.

When Licensee and Patient 6 broke off their relationship, Licensee called and e mailed her several times a day, threatened her and would drive by her office and occasionally would follow her. Patient 6 felt his conduct was irrational and filed reports with the Stayton Police Department which eventually resulted in her claiming harassment from him in September 2008. Licensee was trying to befriend and manipulate her friends, and family and acting like they were still involved. Licensee has been warned by police to stay away from her and her family. Patient 6 has had to request that he be "trespassed" from her property and business location in order to keep him from harassing her.

7.

Patient 7 received treatments a few times before 2000. More recently she has had her horses treated by Licensee. In an interview with Licensee in August 2009, Licensee admitted that he fails to get a veterinarian referral prior to performing adjustments on animals. Also in his interview with the Board, Licensee stated he may have adjusted numerous patients, friends or

people that worked in his office and did not keep chart notes on them, listing five individuals that he believes this occurred with.

8.

The Board finds that Licensee's conduct as described herein constitutes unprofessional conduct. Licensee's conduct, as described above, in regards to Patients 1, 2 and 3 constitutes violations of ORS 684.100 (1)(g)(A); and OAR 811-035-0015(1)(a)-(e). The Board finds that there was a doctor/patient relationship with Patients 1, 2 and 3 prior to sexual contact and that the doctor/patient relationship had not been appropriately terminated prior to sexual contact pursuant to OAR 811-010-0005(4). In regards to Patients 4 and 5 the Board finds that Licensee's conduct constitutes violations of ORS 684.100 (1)(g)(A); and OAR 811-035-0015(1)(a). There was a doctor/patient relationship with Patients 4 and 5 pursuant to OAR 811-010-0005(4). In regards to Patient 6, the Board finds that Licensee's conduct constitutes violations of ORS 684.100 (1)(g)(A); and OAR 811-035-0015(11). In regards to Patient 7, Licensee's conduct constitutes violations of ORS 684.100 (1)(g)(A); and ORS 684.025(3). For failure to keep chart notes on patients, friends and co workers, Licensee's conduct is in violation of ORS 684.100(1)(g)(A) and OAR 811-015-0005.

9.

Due to the aforementioned violations, the OBCE proposes to revoke Licensee's License.

10.

Licensee shall pay costs of this disciplinary proceeding, including investigative costs and attorney fees pursuant to ORS 684.100(9)(g).

11.

Licensee has the right, if Licensee requests, to have a formal contested case hearing before the OBCE or its Administrative Law Judge to contest the matter set out above. At the hearing, Licensee may be represented by an attorney and subpoena and cross-examine witnesses. That request for hearing must be made in writing to the OBCE, must be received by the OBCE within 30 days from the mailing of this notice (or if not mailed, the date of personal service), and must be accompanied by a written answer to the charges contained in this notice.

12.

The answer shall be made in writing to the OBCE and shall include an admission or denial of each factual matter alleged in this notice, and a short plain statement of each relevant affirmative defense Licensee may have. Except for good cause, factual matters alleged in this notice and not denied in the answer will be considered a waiver of such defense; new matters alleged in this answer (affirmative defenses) shall be presumed to be denied by the agency and evidence shall not be taken on any issue not raised in the notice and answer.

13.

If Licensee requests a hearing, before commencement of that hearing, Licensee will be given information on the procedures, rights of representation and other rights of the parties relating to the conduct of the hearing as required under ORS 183.413-415.

14.

If Licensee fails to request a hearing within 30 days, or fails to appear as scheduled at the hearing, the OBCE may issue a final order by default and impose the above sanctions against Licensee. Upon default order of the Board or failure to appear, the contents of the Board's file regarding the subject of this automatically become part of the evidentiary record of this disciplinary action upon default for the purpose of proving a prima facie case.

Dated September 22, 2009

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS  
State of Oregon

By:

**Original signature on file at OBCE**

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Dave McTeague  
Executive Director

State of Oregon ) Case # 2009-5007  
County of Marion ) Gregory Moll DC

I, Dave McTeague, being first duly sworn, state that I am the Executive Director of the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and as such, am authorized to verify pleadings in this case: and that the foregoing Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action is true to the best of my knowledge as I verily believe.

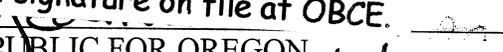
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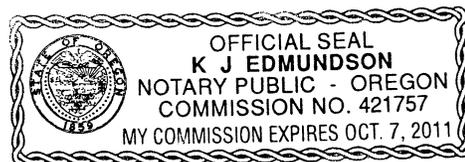
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this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2009

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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR OREGON

My Commission Expires: 10/7/11



## Certificate of Service

I, Dave McTeague, certify that on September 22, 2009 I served the foregoing Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action upon the party hereto by mailing, certified mail, postage prepaid, a true, exact and full copy thereof to:

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