

**BEFORE THE  
ACUPUNCTURE BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against: )  
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PAMELA MILLER, L.AC. )  
P.O. Box 7034 )  
Alhambra, CA 91802 )  
Acupuncturist License No. AC 3644 )  
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Respondent. )  
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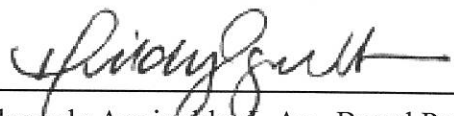
Case No. 1A-2013-4

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Acupuncture Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on May 25, 2016.

It is so ORDERED April 25, 2016.

  
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Hildegard Aguinaldo, L.Ac., Board President  
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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND**  
**DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

15 Respondent.  
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17 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** by and between the parties to the above-  
18 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Terri Thorfinnson ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Acupuncture  
21 Board. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by  
22 Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Wendy Widlus, Deputy  
23 Attorney General.

24 2. Respondent PAMELA MILLER, L.Ac. ("Respondent") is representing herself in this  
25 proceeding and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.

26 3. On or about September 21, 1989, the Acupuncture Board issued Acupuncturist  
27 License No. AC 3644 to Respondent. The Acupuncturist License was in full force and effect at  
28 all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 1A-2013-4 and will expire on June 30,

1 2016, unless renewed.

2 **JURISDICTION**

3 4. Accusation No. 1A-2013-4 was filed before the Acupuncture Board (Board),  
4 Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation  
5 and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on November  
6 23, 2015. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

7 5. A copy of Accusation No. 1A-2013-4 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein  
8 by reference.

9 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

10 6. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in  
11 Accusation No. 1A-2013-4. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of  
12 this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

13 7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a  
14 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at  
15 her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to  
16 present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to  
17 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration  
18 and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California  
19 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

20 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and  
21 every right set forth above.

22 **CULPABILITY**

23 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation  
24 No. 1A-2013-4.

25 10. Respondent agrees that her Acupuncturist License is subject to discipline and she  
26 agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order  
27 below.

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1 **CONTINGENCY**

2 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands  
3 and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly  
4 with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by  
5 Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not  
6 withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers  
7 and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the  
8 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this  
9 paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not  
10 be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

11 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile  
12 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures  
13 thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

14 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that  
15 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following  
16 Disciplinary Order:

17 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

18 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Acupuncturist License No. AC 3644 issued to  
19 Respondent PAMELA MILLER, L.Ac. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and  
20 Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

21 1. NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR PATIENT POPULATION

22 Respondent shall install and maintain in working condition a notification device or system which  
23 enables patients to alert her while she is out of the treatment room.

24 2. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROBATION SURVEILLANCE MONITORING

25 Respondent shall reimburse the Board for the hourly costs it incurs in monitoring the probation to  
26 ensure compliance for the duration of the probation period.

27 3. COURSEWORK Respondent shall take and successfully complete not less than

28 twenty (20) hours of coursework in the following area(s): 10 hours of Practice Management,

1 defined as record keeping and insurance billing and 10 hours of Risk Management and Insurance  
2 Issues. All coursework shall be taken at the graduate level at a school approved by the Board.  
3 Classroom attendance is specifically required. Course content shall be pertinent to the violation  
4 and all coursework must be completed within the probationary period. The required coursework  
5 must be in addition to any continuing education courses that may be required for license renewal.

6 Within 90 days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit a plan for the  
7 Board's prior approval for meeting the educational requirements. All costs of the coursework  
8 shall be borne by the Respondent.

9 4. OBEY ALL LAWS Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws and all  
10 regulations governing the practice of acupuncture in California. A full and detailed account of  
11 any and all violations of law shall be reported by the respondent to the Board in writing within  
12 seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence.

13 5. QUARTERLY REPORTS Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under  
14 penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance  
15 with all the conditions of probation.

16 6. SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM Respondent shall comply with the Board's  
17 probation surveillance program and shall, upon reasonable notice, report to the assigned  
18 investigative district office. Respondent shall contact the assigned probation surveillance monitor  
19 regarding any questions specific to the probation order. Respondent shall not have any  
20 unsolicited or unapproved contact with 1) victims or complainants associated with the case;  
21 2) Board members or members of its staff; or 3) persons serving the Board as expert examiners.

22 7. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE Respondent shall appear in  
23 person for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request at various intervals and with  
24 reasonable notice.

25 8. CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT Respondent shall notify the Board in writing,  
26 through the assigned probation surveillance compliance officer of any and all changes of  
27 employment, location and address within 30 days of such change.

28 9. TOLLING FOR OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE OR RESIDENCE In the event

1 Respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State, Respondent must  
2 notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of residency or practice  
3 outside California will not apply to the reduction of this probationary period.

4 10. EMPLOYMENT AND SUPERVISION OF TRAINEES Respondent shall not  
5 employ or supervise or apply to employ or supervise acupuncture trainees during the course of  
6 this probation. Respondent shall terminate any such supervisorial relationship in existence on the  
7 effective date of this probation.

8 11. VIOLATION OF PROBATION If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the  
9 Board may, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, revoke probation and  
10 carry out the disciplinary order that was stated. If an accusation or petition to revoke probation is  
11 filed against respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the  
12 matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final. No petition  
13 for modification or termination of probation shall be considered while there is an accusation or  
14 petition to revoke probation pending against respondent.

15 12. COMPLETION OF PROBATION Upon successful completion of probation,  
16 Respondent's license will be fully restored.

17 **ACCEPTANCE**

18 I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the  
19 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Acupuncturist License. I enter into this Stipulated  
20 Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be  
21 bound by the Decision and Order of the Acupuncture Board.

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23 DATED: 2/25/2016 Pamela Miller  
24 PAMELA MILLER, L.Ac.  
25 Respondent

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28 **ENDORSEMENT**

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**ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Acupuncture Board.

Dated: 2/24/16

Respectfully submitted,  
KAMALA D. HARRIS  
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Supervising Deputy Attorney General



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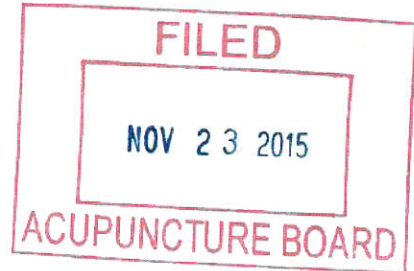
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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 1A-2013-4**



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**ACCUSATION**

15 Respondent.

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18 Complainant alleges:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Terri Thorfinnson (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity  
21 as the Executive Officer of the Acupuncture Board, Department of Consumer Affairs.

22 2. On or about September 21, 1989, the Acupuncture Board issued Acupuncturist  
23 License Number AC 3644 to Pamela Miller, L.Ac. (Respondent). The Acupuncturist License was  
24 in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June  
25 30, 2016, unless renewed.

26 **JURISDICTION**

27 3. This Accusation is brought before the Acupuncture Board (Board), Department of  
28 Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the

1 Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

2 4. Section 4928.1 of the Code states:

3 “Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Acupuncture Board in  
4 exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the  
5 public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall  
6 be paramount.”

7 5. Section 4927, of the Code states, in pertinent part:

8 “As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

9 “... ”

10 “(d)

11 “‘Acupuncture’ means the stimulation of a certain point or points on or near the surface of  
12 the body by the insertion of needles to prevent or modify the perception of pain or to normalize  
13 physiological functions, including pain control, treatment of certain diseases or dysfunctions of  
14 the body and includes the techniques of electroacupuncture, cupping, and moxibustion.”

15 6. Section 4937 of the Code states:

16 “An acupuncturist’s license authorizes the holder thereof:

17 “(a) To engage in the practice of acupuncture.

18 “(b) To perform or prescribe the use of Asian massage, acupressure, breathing techniques,  
19 exercise, heat, cold, magnets, nutrition, diet, herbs, plant, animal, and mineral products, and  
20 dietary supplements to promote, maintain, and restore health. Nothing in this section prohibits  
21 any person who does not possess an acupuncturist’s license or another license as a healing arts  
22 practitioner from performing, or prescribing the use of any modality listed in this subdivision.

23 “(c) For purposes of this section, a ‘magnet’ means a mineral or metal that produces a  
24 magnetic field without the application of an electric current.

25 “(d) For purposes of this section, ‘plant, animal, and mineral products’ means naturally  
26 occurring substances of plant, animal, or mineral origin, except that it does not include synthetic  
27 compounds, controlled substances or dangerous drugs as defined in Sections 4021 and 4022, or a  
28 controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the

1 Health and Safety Code.

2 “(e) For purposes of this section, ‘dietary supplement’ has the same meaning as defined in  
3 subsection (ff) of Section 321 of Title 21 of the United States Code, except that dietary  
4 supplement does not include controlled substances or dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4021  
5 or 4022, or a controlled substances listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of  
6 Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code. “

7 7. Section 4955 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

8 “The board may deny, suspend, or revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon, the  
9 license of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of unprofessional conduct.

10 “Unprofessional conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

11 “. . .

12 “(d) Aiding or abetting in, or violating or conspiring in, directly or indirectly, the violation  
13 of the terms of this chapter or any regulation adopted by the board pursuant to this chapter.

14 “. . .

15 “(i) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial of the acupuncture license.

16 “. . .”

17 8. Section 4955.1 states, in pertinent part:

18 “The board may deny, suspend, revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon the license  
19 of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of committing a fraudulent act including, but not be  
20 limited to, any of the following:

21 “. . .

22 “(e) Failing to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services  
23 to their patients.”

24 9. Section 4955.2 of the Code states:

25 “The board may deny, suspend, revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon the license  
26 of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of committing any one of the following:

27 “(a) Gross negligence.

28 “(b) Repeated negligent acts.



1 inadequate care to several patients within a 13 month interval. The Board initiated an  
2 investigation of the events underlying this report through the Department of Consumer Affairs,  
3 Division of Investigation (DOI). The DOI investigator interviewed two of Respondent's patients  
4 and Respondent regarding the events which occurred during their treatment.

5 **Patient DD<sup>2</sup>**

6 13. On or about September 13, 2010, Respondent provided acupuncture treatment to DD.  
7 DD stated Respondent failed to explain the treatment to her, and seemed irritated by DD's  
8 questions.

9 14. Respondent told DD her acupuncture treatment session would last for 20 minutes.

10 15. Respondent inserted acupuncture needles into DD's back, arms, legs, and feet while  
11 DD lay on the acupuncture table.

12 16. After inserting the acupuncture needles into DD Respondent left the treatment room  
13 and did not return to check on DD during any portion of her acupuncture treatment. There was no  
14 method for DD to contact Respondent from her treatment room during her treatment such as a  
15 chime, buzzer, or intercom.

16 17. After undergoing approximately 30 minutes of treatment, DD tried unsuccessfully to  
17 get Respondent's attention by screaming Respondent's name for approximately 10 minutes, but  
18 Respondent did not return to the room or communicate with DD in any way.

19 18. After failing to get Respondent's attention DD got off of the acupuncture table with  
20 the acupuncture needles still embedded in her body and walked outside the treatment room to  
21 look for Respondent.

22 19. DD located Respondent in another room, who was on the telephone discussing a  
23 telephone bill.

24 20. Respondent did not apologize to DD for leaving DD alone for over 30 minutes during

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**(...continued)**

26 professionals. The databank stores information relating to medical malpractice payments made on behalf of health  
27 care practitioners; information relating to adverse actions taken against clinical privileges of physicians, osteopaths,  
28 or dentists; and information concerning actions by professional societies that adversely affect membership.

<sup>2</sup> The names of the patients and/or witnesses are abbreviated to protect their privacy rights. The names will be provided to Respondent upon written request for discovery.

1 DD's acupuncture treatment.

2 21. Respondent's patient progress notes for DD do not mention that DD unsuccessfully  
3 struggled to get her attention by screaming her name for approximately 10 minutes.

4 22. Respondent's patient progress notes for DD do not mention that DD got off of the  
5 acupuncture table with acupuncture needles still inserted in her body and walked outside the  
6 treatment room to look for Respondent.

7 23. DD told the DOI investigator that although she did not sustain a physical injury, she  
8 believed she endured emotional distress because Respondent left her unattended throughout the  
9 entire treatment session.

10 24. DD told the DOI investigator she believed the behavior that Respondent exhibited  
11 during her treatment session was unprofessional.

12 25. During Respondent's interview with the DOI investigator Respondent admitted that  
13 after inserting the acupuncture needles into DD she did not see DD again until approximately 40  
14 minutes later when she saw DD standing outside of the treatment room with the acupuncture  
15 needles still inserted in her body.

16 26. During Respondent's interview with the DOI investigator Respondent admitted she  
17 was not aware that DD was calling for her for approximately 10 minutes.

18 27. During Respondent's interview with the DOI investigator Respondent said she has  
19 worn a hearing aid for 20 years but is able to hear adequately to respond to patients.

20 **Patient DC**

21 28. On or about September 9, 2011, DC saw Respondent for the first time when she  
22 treated him for knee pain. Respondent provided acupuncture to DC by using both  
23 electrostimulation<sup>3</sup> as well as traditional acupuncture needles in his legs.

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25 <sup>3</sup> Electrostimulation is defined as a form of acupuncture where a small electric current is passed between  
26 pairs of acupuncture needles. Electroacupuncture is quite similar to traditional acupuncture in that the same points  
27 are stimulated during treatment. As with traditional acupuncture, needles are inserted on specific points along the  
28 body. The needles are then attached to a device that generates continuous electric pulses using small clips. These  
devices are used to adjust the frequency and intensity of the impulse being delivered, depending on the condition  
being treated. Electroacupuncture uses two needles at a time so that the impulses can pass from one needle to the  
other. Several pairs of needles can be stimulated simultaneously, usually for no more than 30 minutes at a time.

1           29. After Respondent connected the electrostimulation machine to DC and inserted the  
2 acupuncture needles into his legs she left the treatment room. There was no method for DC to  
3 contact Respondent from his treatment room during his treatment such as a chime, buzzer, or  
4 intercom.

5           30. Ten minutes after Respondent left the treatment room DC began to feel pain and  
6 repeatedly yelled for Respondent but Respondent did not return to the room or communicate with  
7 DC in any way.

8           31. After Respondent failed to respond to DC's shouts DC disconnected himself from the  
9 electrostimulation machine and removed his acupuncture needles.

10          32. After DC disconnected himself from the electrostimulation machine and removed the  
11 acupuncture needles he walked around Respondent's empty office in an unsuccessful attempt to  
12 locate Respondent. Approximately 15 minutes from the beginning of his treatment DC left a note  
13 containing his copayment for Respondent and exited the office. DC subsequently filed a  
14 complaint about Respondent's behavior during his treatment.

15          33. During Respondent's interview with the DOI investigator Respondent admitted  
16 leaving DC alone in the treatment room during his treatment without checking on him at any  
17 time.

18 **Standard of Care**

19          34. The standard of care requires acupuncturists to exercise watchfulness and care by  
20 regularly checking patients while they are undergoing treatment.

21          35. The standard of care for an acupuncturist who leaves a patient unattended in a  
22 treatment room after insertion of acupuncture needles requires the acupuncturist to provide an  
23 uncomplicated, straightforward method for the patient to contact the acupuncturist during  
24 treatment such as a chime, buzzer, or intercom.

25          36. The standard of care requires the acupuncturist to remove acupuncture needles from  
26 the patient in a timely manner.

27          37. The standard of care requires the acupuncturist to examine a patient who removed  
28 their own acupuncture needles to ensure there are no broken needles lodged below the patient's

1 skin.

2 38. The standard of care requires an acupuncturist who uses an electrostimulation device  
3 during acupuncture treatment to have control over the voltage level utilized in order to avoid  
4 excessive stimulation to the patient.

5 39. The standard of care requires an acupuncturist who uses an electrostimulation device  
6 during acupuncture treatment to carefully monitor the frequency and intensity of the electrical  
7 stimulation to the patient throughout the patient's treatment session.

8 40. The standard of care requires an acupuncturist to maintain accurate and complete  
9 patient records which contain all significant information for each patient encounter.

### 10 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

11 (Gross Negligence)

12 41. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under 4955.2, subsection (a) in that she  
13 was grossly negligent in her care and treatment of DD and DC. The circumstances are as follows:

14 42. Respondent's care and treatment of patient DD as set forth above includes the  
15 following acts and/or omissions which constitute extreme departures from the standard of care:

16 A. Respondent failed to exercise watchfulness and care by regularly checking patient  
17 DD while she was undergoing acupuncture treatment.

18 B. Respondent failed to provide DD with an uncomplicated, straightforward method for  
19 DD to contact Respondent during her treatment.

20 C. Respondent failed to remove DD's acupuncture needles from her in a timely manner.

21 D. Respondent failed to examine DD after DD removed the acupuncture needles to  
22 ensure there were no broken needles lodged below DD's skin.

23 E. Respondent failed to maintain accurate and complete patient records which contained  
24 all significant information for DD's acupuncture treatment session.

25 43. Respondent's care and treatment of patient DC as set forth above includes the  
26 following acts and/or omissions which constitute extreme departures from the standard of care:

27 A. Respondent failed to exercise watchfulness and care by regularly checking patient DC  
28 while he was undergoing acupuncture treatment.



1 B. Respondent failed to provide DC with an uncomplicated, straightforward method for  
2 DC to contact Respondent during his treatment.

3 C. Respondent failed to maintain control over the voltage level on the electrostimulation  
4 device she utilized during DC's acupuncture treatment in order to avoid excessive stimulation to  
5 DC.

6 D. Respondent failed to carefully monitor the frequency and intensity of the electrical  
7 stimulation on the electrostimulation device she utilized during DC's acupuncture treatment  
8 throughout DC's treatment session.

9 E. Respondent failed to remove DC's acupuncture needles from him in a timely manner.

10 F. Respondent failed to examine DC after he removed the acupuncture needles to ensure  
11 there were no broken needles lodged below DC's skin.

12 44. Respondent's acts and/or omissions as set forth in paragraphs 13 through 43,  
13 inclusive, above, whether proven individually, jointly, or in any combination thereof, constitute  
14 gross negligence pursuant to section 4955.2, subdivision (a), of the Code. Therefore cause for  
15 discipline exists.

## 16 SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

17 (Repeated Negligent Acts)

18 45. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4955.2, subdivision (b) of  
19 the Code, in that she has committed repeated acts of negligence in the practice of acupuncture.  
20 The circumstances are as follows:

21 46. Complainant refers to, and by reference incorporates herein paragraphs 13 through  
22 33, inclusive, above.

23 47. Respondent's care and treatment of patient DD as set forth above includes the  
24 following acts and/or omissions which constitute departures from the standard of care:

25 A. Respondent failed to exercise watchfulness and care by regularly checking patient  
26 DD while she was undergoing acupuncture treatment.

27 B. Respondent failed to provide DD with an uncomplicated, straightforward method for  
28 DD to contact Respondent during her treatment.

- 1 C. Respondent failed to remove DD's acupuncture needles from her in a timely manner.  
2 D. Respondent failed to examine DD after DD removed the acupuncture needles to  
3 ensure there were no broken needles lodged below DD's skin.  
4 E. Respondent failed to maintain accurate and complete patient records which contained  
5 all significant information for DD's acupuncture treatment session.

6 48. Respondent's care and treatment of patient DC as set forth above includes the  
7 following acts and/or omissions which constitute departures from the standard of care:

8 A. Respondent failed to exercise watchfulness and care by regularly checking patient DC  
9 while he was undergoing acupuncture treatment.

10 B. Respondent failed to provide DC with an uncomplicated, straightforward method for  
11 DC to contact Respondent during his treatment.

12 C. Respondent failed to maintain control over the voltage level on the electrostimulation  
13 device she utilized during DC's acupuncture treatment in order to avoid excessive stimulation to  
14 DC.

15 D. Respondent failed to carefully monitor the frequency and intensity of the electrical  
16 stimulation on the electrostimulation device she utilized during DC's acupuncture treatment  
17 throughout DC's treatment session.

18 E. Respondent failed to remove DC's acupuncture needles from him in a timely manner.

19 F. Respondent failed to examine DC after he removed the acupuncture needles to ensure  
20 there were no broken needles lodged below DC's skin.

21 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

22 (Failure to Maintain Adequate and Accurate Records)

23 49. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4955, as defined by section  
24 4955.1, subdivision (e), in that she failed to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the  
25 services she provided to DD and DC. The circumstances are as follows:

26 50. Complainant refers to, and by reference incorporates herein paragraphs 13 through  
27 40, inclusive, above.

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1 51. Respondent committed unprofessional conduct by failing to maintain adequate and  
2 accurate records relating to the services she provided to DD and DC.

3 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 (Unprofessional Conduct)

5 52. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 4955.1 subdivision (e) of  
6 the Code, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.453, in that he committed  
7 unprofessional conduct in his care and treatment of DD and DC. The circumstances are as  
8 follows:

9 53. The facts and circumstances in paragraphs 13 through 51 are incorporated by  
10 reference as if set forth in full herein.

11 **PRAYER**

12 **WHEREFORE**, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
13 and that following the hearing, the Acupuncture Board issue a decision:


14 1. Revoking or suspending Acupuncturist License Number AC 3644, issued to Pamela  
15 Miller, L.Ac.;

16 2. Ordering Pamela Miller, L.Ac. to pay the Acupuncture Board the reasonable costs of  
17 the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section  
18 4959;

19 3. If placed on probation, ordering her to pay to the Acupuncture Board the costs of  
20 probation monitoring; and

21 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

22 DATED: NOV 23 2015



23 TERRI THORPE FINNISON  
24 Executive Officer  
25 Acupuncture Board  
26 Department of Consumer Affairs  
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