

IN THE MATTER OF:

**The Chiropractic Act, SNS, 1999 (2nd Sess.),
c. 4, and Chiropractic Regulations**

-and -

IN THE MATTER OF:

Dr. Philip LaPierre

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Dr. Philip LaPierre

WHEREAS a complaint of professional misconduct has been made against Dr. Philip LaPierre, of Kentville, Nova Scotia,

THAT Dr. Philip LaPierre being a Registered Chiropractor under the Chiropractic Act breached the Chiropractic Act, the Chiropractic Regulations and the Code of Ethics and Guidelines for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Patients.
Specifically,

- 1. THAT** Dr. Philip LaPierre, being a Registered Chiropractor is alleged that while providing chiropractic care to a patient "AA" in a period from 1983 to 1986, repeatedly engaged in acts of sexual misconduct by performing an unwarranted examination of a female patient's breasts and further by touching or massaging the breast of a female patient in a sexualized or inappropriate manner and further and other acts of sexual impropriety including making inappropriate gestures that were sexually demeaning to the patient such as laying on top of the patient .
- 2. THAT** Dr. Philip LaPierre, being a Registered Chiropractor is alleged that while providing chiropractic care to a patient "BB" in April 2006, engaged in acts of sexual misconduct by performing an unwarranted examination of a female patient's breasts and further by touching or massaging the breast of a female patient in a sexualized or inappropriate manner.
- 3. THAT** Dr. Philip LaPierre, being a Registered Chiropractor is alleged that while providing chiropractic care to a patient "CC" in a period from 1983 to 1984, repeatedly engaged in acts of sexual misconduct by performing an unwarranted examination of a female patient's breasts and further by touching or massaging the breast of a female patient in a sexualized or inappropriate manner and further and other acts of sexual impropriety including making inappropriate gestures that were sexually demeaning to the patient.
- 4. THAT** Dr. Philip LaPierre, being a Registered Chiropractor is alleged that while providing chiropractic care to a patient "DD" in 1987, repeatedly engaged in acts of sexual impropriety including making inappropriate gestures and behaviours that were

sexually demeaning to the patient including inappropriate gowning practices that reflected a lack of respect for the patients privacy, ungowning a patient without consent.

AND in relation to any or all of the above it's alleged that the conduct amounts to professional misconduct and you therefore may be guilty of a disciplinary matter within the meaning of the Chiropractic Act

TAKE NOTICE that a hearing of these complaints before a hearing committee appointed pursuant to the Chiropractic Act shall be held:

Date of Hearing: Saturday, April 19th, 2008
Location: Holiday Inn Select (Citadel/Cunard Room)
1980 Robie Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Time: 9:30am

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that at the hearing of this complaint, the hearing committee may be asked to make a finding of professional misconduct, against you, Dr. Philip LaPierre, on the basis of any evidence brought before the hearing committee.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 4th day of February, 2008

Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors

Per: 
Dr. Lisa Richard, Registrar

Chiropractic Act:

52 (8) It is the duty of the member who is charged in a disciplinary matter to appear at the hearing, but in the event of non-attendance by such member, the hearing committee, upon proof by affidavit, statutory declaration or other evidence acceptable to the hearing committee of service of the notice, pursuant to subsection (9), may proceed with the hearing and, without further notice to such member, render its decision and take such other action as it is authorized to take pursuant to this Act.

60 (1) At a hearing of the hearing committee, a member is entitled to all the rights of natural justice, including the right to be represented by legal counsel, to know all the evidence considered by the hearing committee, to present evidence and to cross-examine witnesses.