

CHIROPRACTORS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 428)

ORDER MADE BY THE INQUIRY COMMITTEE, CHIROPRACTORS COUNCIL

It is hereby notified that the Inquiry Committee of the Chiropractors Council, after due inquiry held on 30 November 2010 and 29 December 2010 in accordance with the Chiropractors (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Rules (Cap. 428, subsidiary legislation), found Dr SHIU Lik Chi Alex (Registration No. CC000021) guilty of the following charges -

“That he, being a registered chiropractor, in or about October 2007-

- (a) sanctioned, acquiesced in or failed to take adequate steps to prevent the use on his business card of a description of a professional status which he no longer possessed, namely, that he was a registered chiropractor in the United States of America;
- (b) sanctioned, acquiesced in or failed to take adequate steps to prevent publication in his website at “<http://www.drcare.org/consult.htm>” of a description of a professional status which he no longer possessed, namely, that he was a registered chiropractor in the United States of America;
- (c) sanctioned, acquiesced in or failed to take adequate steps to prevent publication in his website at “<http://www.drcare.org/consult.htm>” of the following unapproved descriptions of him, namely, ‘美國特許運動醫學脊醫’, ‘美國西密芝根大學體育碩士’, ‘國立臺灣師範大學體育學士’, ‘國際康體專業學院院長’, ‘香港執業脊醫協會執行委員’, ‘香港運動醫學脊醫學會副會長’, ‘聖約翰講師聯會醫務顧問’, ‘香港手力急救協會醫務顧問’ and ‘國際跆拳道聯盟香港地區總部醫務顧問’;

and in relation to the facts alleged, either individually or cumulatively, he has been guilty of misconduct in a professional respect.”

Dr Shiu quoted the title ‘美國註冊脊醫’ (i.e. *registered chiropractor in the United States of America*) in both his business card and his practice website in October 2007. However, he was only a licensed chiropractor in the State of California from 11 September 1998 to 31 January 2002. In October 2007, he was not licensed to practise chiropractic anywhere in the United States of America. Dr Shiu by quoting the title in his business card and practice website had falsely represented to the public that he was still entitled to practise chiropractic in the United States of America and such conduct is improper.

The Code of Practice provides that registered chiropractors should not use in their chiropractic practice titles and descriptions which had neither been approved by the Chiropractors Council generally for publication on signboard and stationery nor specifically on application by individual chiropractors. An application for approval to use a particular title or description will be considered by the Chiropractors Council having regard to the standard of the training involved and the relevance of the title to chiropractic practice. The 9 descriptions as set out in charge (c) had neither been approved by the Chiropractors Council generally for publication in signboards and stationery of registered chiropractors, nor specifically for use by any individual chiropractor. The Inquiry Committee also found that most of the descriptions in question were irrelevant to chiropractic practice and might mislead the public to believe that the descriptions reflected Dr Shiu's competence in chiropractic. Nevertheless, in contravention of the Code of Practice Dr Shiu provided the descriptions to his website designer for publication in his practice website.

The Inquiry Committee was satisfied that Dr Shiu's conduct in respect of each charge had fallen below the standard expected amongst registered chiropractors and therefore constituted professional misconduct. Pursuant to section 18 of the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance, the Inquiry Committee ordered on 29 December 2010 that a warning letter be served on Dr SHIU Lik Chi Alex.

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