

**WAC 246-808-590 Sexual misconduct.** (1) The chiropractor shall never engage in sexual contact or sexual activity with current clients.

(2) The chiropractor shall never engage in sexual contact or sexual activity with former clients if such contact or activity involves the abuse of the chiropractor-client relationship. Factors which the commission may consider in evaluating if the chiropractor-client relationship has been abusive include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The amount of time that has passed since therapy terminated;
- (b) The nature and duration of the therapy;
- (c) The circumstances of cessation or termination;
- (d) The former client's personal history;
- (e) The former client's current mental status;
- (f) The likelihood of adverse impact on the former client and others; and

(g) Any statements or actions made by the chiropractor during the course of treatment suggesting or inviting the possibility of a post-termination sexual or romantic relationship with the former client.

(3) The chiropractor shall never engage in sexually harassing or demeaning behavior with current or former clients.

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