



Sexual Misconduct Cases:

Presentation to the Washington Board of Massage

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Summary

- As part of the rulemaking process, the Board and the Department have proposed rules on a number of controversial issues including massage of the breasts and required draping.
- One request of interested stakeholders has been to provide more details on discipline related to the touching of breasts.
- DOH's IT systems do not track case information at such a detailed level to be able to extract cases limited to this subject.
- However, we do have case summaries available going back several years, which are summarized here.

Summary

- This listing of cases also includes episodes where other sexualized behavior occurs.
- it is reasonable to infer that, where other sexual boundary violations occur, it would not be appropriate or safe to allow massage of the breasts.
- I have not included cases where there is a clear indication of prostitution or unlicensed practice.

Case 1

- Agreed Order
- Respondent offered only a towel to drape clients.
- Respondent moved the towel and massaged Client 1's buttocks and genitals, despite her requests to avoid those areas.
- Respondent also placed his genitals in Client 1's hands.
- Respondent rubbed his genitals against Client 2's hands and head for several minutes.

Case 1 (continued)

- Respondent moved Client 3's towel around and rubbed the inside of her thighs. He rubbed her buttocks and the sides of her breasts.
- Respondent rubbed his genitals in Client 4's hand.
- Respondent surrendered his license to practice massage.

Case 1 (continued)

- In another complaint, Respondent allegedly pressed on the side of Complainant's breasts during a massage.
- Complainant also alleged she had to move her feet to keep them from hitting his crotch.

Case 2

- Complaint received that Respondent is having sex with her clients.
- It is reported that, while having sex with one of her clients, he is at the same time having sex with minors.

Case 3

- Respondent provided massages out of a rented bedroom and became sexually involved with a client based on photos and text messages shared with others.
- It is unknown whether she had other clients during this time.
- Client made bank withdrawals, allegedly for Respondent and corresponding with dates of service, for nearly three years totaling over \$300,000.
- Even after Respondent's license expired, Respondent continued to see this client for at least 18 months.

Case 4

- Complainant alleges that during a massage, Respondent held her leg up (right side) and while doing long strokes of the muscles he was holding one hand next to her clitoris.
- She alleges that he did the same thing to the other side holding part of her vagina.
- She also alleges that while massaging around her chest area, he tried to force his way up under the sheet towards her breasts/nipples on both sides.

Case 5

- Respondent was providing massage services to Client 1.
- Respondent asked, toward the end of the massage if Client wanted her pectoral muscles massaged.
- While initially agreeing, Client 1 was stunned when Respondent removed draping and exposing her breasts, manually manipulating her breasts and nipples.
- Client was also charged with indecent liberties, a Class B felony.
- Respondent failed to appear at hearing and his license was suspended by a default order.

Case 6

- Complainant reported that her fiancé received a massage that included inappropriate sexual contact, which resulted in a sex act.
- The client did not want to be identified because he was embarrassed and ashamed that he allowed it to happen.

Case 7

- Complainant was lying face down with arms down to her sides with no shirt/bra on.
- The client felt something with her left hand, turned her head and the respondent's penis and genital area.
- The client looked up and appeared to have been enjoying himself. The client got off the table and yelled at the respondent, he pretended like nothing happened and the client left the office. Police were then contacted.

Case 8

- Respondent began dating one of his clients and ended up moving in with her. Respondent was married at the time.

Case 9

- Respondent is alleged to have kissed and sucked on the nipple of his client.

Case 10

- Agreed order
- Respondent was a massage practitioner as well as an instructor at a massage school.
- Respondent was cohabitating with a former student when he made inappropriate comments to a current student.
- While still a student at the school (but not under Respondent's supervision), student and instructor began an intimate sexual relationship and later cohabitated.
- Respondent's license was restricted for two years and fined \$1,500.

Case 10 (continued)

- Respondent is restricted from solo practice for a period of two years.
- Respondent may not practice massage on any current or former students.
- Department may audit respondent's records and engage in at least 2 unannounced visits per year.
- Respondent must have his employer submit quarterly reports to the Department.
- Respondent must cease teaching and not hold any authoritative administrative role at any massage school in Washington.

Case 11

- Respondent allegedly massaged his client's stomach but moved towards her "panty line". When Respondent massaged client's legs, he got very close to her private area.
- She told Respondent to stop, and he had a smirk on his face.

Case 12

- Complainant was being massaged by Respondent and was face down, nude, with a towel covering her buttocks.
- Complainant alleges that the Respondent rubbed his erect penis against her arm more than once.
- Respondent then brushed his hand down her backside as he was leaving.

Case 13

- Respondent is alleged to have committed repeated sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult client between March 2011-April 2013.
- A previous complaint against the same Respondent alleges that he sexually assaulted an infant/child client between January 2004-May 2011.
- The victim was alleged to have suffered anxiety and pseudo-seizures doctors believe are attributable to the abuse.

Case 14

- Complainant alleged that Respondent engaged in consensual sex with Complainant's wife.
- Respondent used his phone to record himself and Complainant's wife having sex.
- Complainant found explicit texts, photos and videos on his wife's phone, who admitted to having sex with the massage therapist.

Case 15

- Respondent was alleged to have put the patient in positions that were very sexual.
- Patient said that she felt very uncomfortable and that he did not apologize.
- Patient believed that if she had consented, Respondent would have attempted to have sex with her.

Case 15 (continued)

- Respondent had a 2009 agreed order for admitted sexual contact with a client.
- Under the 2009 order, Respondent was suspended for 9 months, with probation for 18 months following.
- Respondent was required to undergo a psychosexual evaluation and to undergo therapy, with the therapist submitting monthly reports to the Department.
- Respondent was also prohibited from solo practice as a massage therapist.

Case 16

- Mandatory report on a Respondent alleged to have displayed inappropriate behavior with office staff.
- Respondent allegedly discussed his affinity for drugs and alcohol, and one occasion indicated to staff that he was impaired at work.
- Respondent also discussed his sex life, including the number of partners, and attempted to persuade one of the staff to be part of his “polygamy group”.

Case 16 (continued)

- Respondent had a prior complaint (a former employer) alleging an inappropriate relationship with a client.
- When confronted, the Respondent admitted seeing the client after the first appointment and “friending” her on Facebook.
- On the fourth appointment, Respondent intentionally touched the client’s breast. Respondent alleged patient initiated the contact, but then discontinued the relationship.

Case 17

- Respondent was alleged to have massaged both of the Complainant's breasts.
- He started, then asked if it was ok, and the Complainant replied yes because she didn't know it was not appropriate.

Case 18

- Complainant's daughter saw Respondent for a neck and back massage.
- Found the patient through Groupon and went to Respondent's "wellness center" in the basement of a house.
- Patient was allegedly not given a drape and, after some time, Respondent asked client to turn over onto her back.
- She used her hands to cover her breasts, but Respondent allegedly moved her hands.
- Respondent spent the next 25 minutes massaging her chest on the sides and between the breasts but avoiding the nipples.
- The Client was distressed and "sobbing".

Case 19

- Complainant alleged that Respondent inappropriately touched her during a massage.
- She felt that Respondent was too high up on her thigh/hip area and got very close to her genitals.
- She became very uncomfortable and scared when he was working on the fronts of her legs and inner thighs, up to her pubic bone.
- He is alleged to have worked a very large portion of her buttocks.
- Respondent was suspended from the business pending completion of an internal investigation.

Case 20

- According to a police report, Respondent told Client to remove her clothes. When she asked if she needed to remove all her clothes, he allegedly responded she could leave her underwear on but to remove her bra so he could work on her back.
- After massaging her back, Respondent had her turn over on her back.
- Respondent told Client he was going to put her leg on his shoulder; then Respondent slid his hand under Client's underwear and penetrated her vagina.

Case 20 (continued)

- Respondent removed Client's underwear and performed oral sex on Client, who was "frozen".
- Respondent then pulled down his pants and climbed on Client; he told her to grab his penis.
- Respondent was charged with one count of rape in Superior Court.
- Respondent was summarily suspended and his license was suspended by default order for 15 years.

Case 21

- Respondent is alleged to have inappropriately touched a patient's breast.
- Client thought first instance may have been an accident but happened a second time and she thought then it was intentional.
- Complainant terminated Respondent's contract and instructed him not to further contact the client.
- Respondent allegedly subsequently contacted the client to deny he had done anything wrong.
- Complainant is a health professional and does not want to see other vulnerable patients impacted.

Case 22

- Complainant agreed to a back massage for a sore shoulder. Respondent argued with Complainant about taking her sweatpants and underwear off, eventually yanking them off.
- Respondent allegedly rubbed his erect penis on the complainant.
- Respondent also allegedly rubbed the complainant's vagina and anus.
- Complainant was “numb and dissociated” for two weeks after the incident.

Case 23

- Complainant alleges that while lying face down, the Respondent lifted the towel off her body.
- She grabbed the towel and covered herself again; Respondent removed the towel and began rubbing her buttocks.
- Respondent spread her legs so that he could view her vaginal area.
- Respondent flipped her over and removed towel from groin area. Complainant pushed towel between her legs.
- Respondent allegedly said “relax” as he rubbed her inner thighs close to her vagina while trying to lift and spread her legs.

Case 24

- Complainant alleges that Respondent asked if he wanted her to massage her pectorals; she responded that if that was typical that she supposed it would be ok.
- Respondent fully exposed her breasts and she regretted giving consent. She stated she felt at fault but felt it was inappropriate.
- In another case, Respondent allegedly removed a patient's draping exposing her breasts.

Case 24 (continued)

- Respondent massaged patients breasts and nipples in a a way patient described as “gratuitous”.
- The patient told the Respondent to stop, which he did, saying some women like it and some don’t.
- Patient told Respondent’s management about it after the incident.
- Patient failed to press criminal charges, but the Department reached an informal agreement with Respondent to surrender his license.

Case 25

- Complainant alleges Respondent called her “babes” and asked for hugs after massages.
- During one session, Respondent allegedly repeatedly attempted to lower the Complainant’s drape and rubbed his penis against her arm.
- Complainant also alleges Respondent may be video recording sessions with patients.

Case 26

- Client was a new mother with a 3 month old baby.
- While face down, Respondent massaged protruding breast area and asked if she was breastfeeding.
- While on her back, Respondent tugged at Client's hair and commented that some people don't know that they like getting their hair pulled.
- Respondent cupped the bottom area of her breasts and touched the nipples.

Case 26 (continued)

- After the massage, Respondent asked Client if she was a normal person who would not report this to his boss and get him fired.
- Respondent was arrested and charged with indecent liberties, a Class B fel, based on allegations that he touched a client inappropriately.
- The Department issued a Statement of Charges which resulted in a Default Order for failure to respond.

Case 27

- Complainant hired Respondent to be an instructor; allegations were conveyed to complainant by a student.
- Respondent was alone with the student after hours. Student alleged that Respondent placed his hand on her crotch, then turned to the side to show his erection.
- He allegedly said “it gets much bigger”.
- He also allegedly placed his foot and knee on her breast while demonstrating a stretch.

Case 27 (continued)

- He brushed his hand across her buttocks while telling her not to stand with her back to the client.
- Afterward, Respondent gave the student several deep hugs she felt were inappropriate.
- Student reportedly felt scared, humiliated and felt Respondent belittled her. Student needed the make-up hours and was afraid of stopping the tutoring.
- She feels she cannot continue in the particular field of massage because she would have to see or interact with this person.

Case 28

- Complainant alleges that Respondent touched her breasts inappropriately during a massage.
- Complainant had asked that her shoulders and neck be worked on.
- Respondent began to massage down Complainant's sternum and between her breasts, then scooping along the sides.
- Respondent said most women don't realize how much stress they carry on their chest.
- Respondent continued until Complainant's breasts were fully exposed.

Case 28 (continued)

- Complainant said she was “frozen” with shock and said the business owner could provide an audio confession and written statement from the Respondent.
- Department and Respondent signed an Agreed Order suspending Respondent for 24 months.
- Prior to any reinstatement, Respondent must complete 4 hours of law and ethics CE, pass the Board’s jurisprudence exam, pay a \$250 fine, and complete a psychosexual exam.
- As part of any reinstatement, Respondent shall initially be placed on probation for at least 24 months.

Case 29

- Complainant is the ex, whose spouse had been arrested for assault.
- While going through his things, she came across text messages between him and Respondent, whom Complainant had introduced.
- The spouse (patient) and Respondent became involved sexually.
- Complaint also involved allegations that Respondent had also falsified L&I records.
- Respondent had been providing Patient care at a new business, but was subsequently fired.

Case 30

- Complainant alleges that Respondent, during a routine massage, touched the exterior of one patient's vagina and massaged her breasts, including nipples.
- In a separate incident, Respondent also massaged the labia and pressed two fingers into the perineum of the client. Respondent asserted the purpose was to relax her pelvis pre-birth
- Both patients filed police reports, which resulted in a charges of indecent liberties against Respondent.
- Respondent was summarily suspended by DOH and his license was suspended, via a Default Order, for at least 5 years.
- Respondent was fined \$5,000 and required to undergo a psychosexual evaluation; only with the approval of the DOH-approved evaluator can Respondent be considered for reinstatement.

Case 31

- Complainant alleges that Respondent penetrated a patient's vagina with at least one ungloved finger.
- The Department took summary action against Respondent and suspended him, via a Default Order, for at least 10 years.
- Prior to any reinstatement, Respondent must pay a \$5,000 fine, and undergo a psychosexual evaluation.
- The case was also referred to law enforcement.

Case 32

- Respondent allegedly massaged the breasts and buttocks of a 16-year old client.
- Complaint also went to law enforcement.
- Client had originally requested a chair massage but Respondent recommended a table massage.
- Once in a back room, Respondent reached under her shirt and rubbed her breasts, then pulled down her pants/underwear and rubbed her buttocks.
- The Client pulled her pants back up and said “no”; the Respondent again pulled down her pants/underwear.
- When the Client protested, Respondent told her to leave

Case 33

- Complainant alleged receiving three complaints about Respondent.
- First client reported that Respondent failed to keep her breasts draped during a massage.
- Respondent stated “you didn’t seem to be bothered by that”; however, client had a medical condition causing her breasts to be numb.
- Client ended session early and cancelled her membership.

Case 33 (continued)

- Second client confided to business manager that Respondent's repeated use of the term "breast" during the massage made her uncomfortable.
- Third client reported that Respondent brushed her breasts several times during the massage, grabbing one of her breasts on one occasion.
- Client had given written permission for massage of the pectoral muscles.
- During the same session, Respondent pulled clients hand over her head and pressed his genitals into her hand.
- All three clients wished to remain anonymous.

Case 34

- A malpractice insurance company reported a single settlement payment of \$130,000 was made due to Respondent engaging in sexual misconduct and emotional injury.
- A female patient was being treated in 2010 for chronic back pain. Respondent unfastened the patient's bra and stuck both hands up the front of her shirt between her breasts to massage her clavicle.
- Respondent allegedly said "let me know if this is too personal"; patient said nothing thinking it was part of the treatment.
- In another case, a second Complainant described essentially the same behavior in a 2013 complaint.

Case 34 (continued)

- Separately, the Respondent surrendered his license in 2014 via an Agreed Order with the Department.
- The Respondent pled guilty in Superior Court to four counts of indecent liberties related to 7 other patients who were “under Respondent’s care when Respondent caused them to have sexual contact with him”.
- In one of these instances, the Respondent refused to provide the patient with a drape and asked about her sex life. He rubbed his hand “across my private female parts”.

Case 34 (continued)

- In another instance, Respondent would rub balm on the patient's breasts underneath her bra. He would also unzip her jeans, and rub balm on her hips, thighs and pelvis.
- In another instance, Patient had had a breast reduction and Respondent had stated she needed scar tissue broken down. Not providing a breast drape, he had Patient take off her top & bra and rubbed along her surgical scars, causing both physical pain and making Patient feel "weird".

Case 35

- Complainant alleges that Respondent grabbed his private parts.
- When the Complainant said that was not what he was there for, Respondent allegedly asked “you got condom”?
- When another woman came into the room, Complainant again protested; the woman asked if he was gay and wanted a man instead.
- Complainant unsuccessfully asked for his money back and left the facility.

Case 36

- Complaint forwarded through local law enforcement involves a client who was assaulted by Respondent.
- Client had on underwear and a drape over her breasts; when Respondent began the massage, he removed the drape and grabbed client's breasts. Client covered her breasts with her hands.
- About 30 minutes later, Respondent massaged her inner thighs, then pressed on her vagina through her underwear; client slapped his hands away and said "no".

Case 36 (continued)

- Client was shocked and confused, but allowed him to complete the massage.
- Violated, Client returned the next day when Respondent was not there and reported the incident to the business, who refunded her money.
- Client later went online and saw on Yelp where another customer had a similar experience. It was then that client went to local law enforcement.

Case 37

- Complainant alleges that respondent pulled her yoga pants and underwear off.
- Respondent massaged patient's buttocks and "lingered" in that area for some time.
- She said the massage was "sensual" and that she had a scratch on her buttocks afterward.
- A report was also filed with local law enforcement.

Case 38

- A complaint received through local law enforcement alleges that Respondent massaged a client's breasts, then proceeded to suck and lick one nipple.
- At the same time, Respondent rubbed the client's leg, stomach and abdomen, before inserting a finger into Client's vagina, saying "you're so hot".
- Respondent later muttered "this has never happened before" and left the room, leaving Client upset and distraught.
- Local law enforcement charged Respondent with rape.
- The Department summarily suspended Respondent's license, and via a Default Order, suspended him for at least 10 years.
- Respondent must pay a fine of \$2,500 and, prior to any reinstatement, must undergo a psychosexual evaluation.

Case 39

- During three massage sessions, Complainant alleges that Respondent (also an acupuncturist).
- Respondent touched Complainant in her groin and massaged her “upper chest”.
- Respondent also talked about the sex life of another client, including masturbation.
- After the last session, Respondent removed the drape to expose the Complainant in her bra and panties and then stared at her.
- Complainant also reported the incident to local law enforcement.

Case 40

- Complainant alleges that Respondent repeatedly moved her draping (bath towel) exposing her genitalia.
- Respondent allegedly rubbed his genitals, through his pants, in Complainant's hands.
- Respondent allegedly moved his hands toward the Complainant's pubic area several times despite her telling him not to place his hands below her abdomen.
- Complainant was frightened as a victim of past sexual abuse but did not end the session.
- Complainant intended to report the incident to law enforcement.

Case 41

- Complaint alleges Respondent only provide a drape for her genital area leaving her breasts exposed.
- Respondent allegedly touched Patient’s breasts and nipples during the massage.
- Respondent later admitted to having made a mistake, thinking the complainant “wanted to fool around”.
- Respondent asked if he could give Complainant a hug— Complainant said no and left promptly.
- Respondent allegedly said “if you tell anyone, I could lose my license for a while, and technically, I did not do anything illegal.”
- The Department suspended Respondent for two years and required him to take the ProBE Ethics Course.

Case 42

- Complaint alleges that Respondent lowered Patient's drape to mid-thigh and exposed the back and gluteal.
- Respondent allegedly slid his hand between Client's legs and inserted a digit into her vagina.
- Client immediately said no; Respondent then slid his hand under her pubic bone, to which she repeated her no.
- Respondent asked "is this not ok?" Later Client stated he said "I'm really scared I'm going to lose my job right now...please don't ruin my life".
- Client stated she was afraid to end the massage.
- The Department revoked Respondent's license to practice massage, via an Agreed Order, for at least 5 years and required a psychiatric exam.

Case 43

- Complaint alleges that Respondent has had sex with clients in OR and WA.
- She is also alleged to work at a resort facility on the weekends and that he has had sex with guests at this facility.
- The allegations also generated reports to local and state law enforcement.

Case 44

- During a therapeutic massage session, Respondent digitally penetrated Complainant's vagina three times. Respondent was ungloved.
- While this occurred, Respondent pushed on Complainant's back to pin her against the massage table.
- Respondent stated that he wanted to get to know her better and asked her out on a date.
- The Department took summary action against the Respondent to suspend his license. Respondent waived hearing and by final order his license was indefinitely suspended.
- The incident was also reported to local law enforcement, and he was charged with felony indecent liberties.

Case 45

- Client had received 6 massages from Respondent.
- During a massage of Client's abdomen, Respondent removed the draping and placed a towel over Client's breasts.
- Pulling down Client's underwear, he touched and rubbed her clitoris, put his mouth on her clitoris and inserted one or more digits into her vagina.
- Respondent then began kissing Client and kissed her breast.
- That evening, Client received an unsolicited email from Respondent asking if she was okay and hoping she had enjoyed her massage.
- Complainant subsequently began seeing a therapist and was later diagnosed with PTSD from the episode.
- The Department entered an Agreed Order with Respondent for him to voluntarily surrender his license. During the investigation, Respondent exercised his Fifth Amendment Right.

Case 46

- Complainant described pain in her neck and Respondent stated he would give her a full body massage.
- Complainant stated Respondent was moaning as he stroked her back.
- When she flipped onto her back, Respondent held the sheet and stood so that he could observe her nude body.
- Respondent placed Complainant's legs in the "frog position" repeatedly and Complainant caught Respondent tilting his head to look at her crotch.
- Respondent blew on Complainant's neck while working on her neck.
- At that point Complainant insisted several times on stopping the massage.
- After the incident, Complainant spoke with the owner, who cautioned her to "think about the situation" and what she would want, as it would be her word against the Respondent's. He offered her a free massage. She also filed a report with local law enforcement.

Case 47

- A female client alleged Respondent touched her breasts and nipples one time under the drape.
- Management of the business discussed with the Respondent that he change his technique and made all staff take an ethics course.

Case 48

- During a massage session, Respondent placed his erect penis in the palm of Patient's hand. He pressed firmly but Patient was able to pull her hand away.
- As he continued to massage, Respondent pressed his erect penis against her thigh.
- While Complainant was on her stomach, Respondent pulled the drape to her feet exposing her buttocks. She tried to pull it back up but he kept exposing her, at one point in a tug-o-war.

Case 48 (continued)

- Respondent shook her legs numerous time to jiggle her buttocks. While her underwear was on, Respondent rested his hand on her buttocks with her finger near her anus.
- Similarly, once Complainant was on her back, Respondent allegedly shook her arms to make her breasts jiggle.
- The incident was also reported to local law enforcement.
- Complainant did not stop the massage was very nervous and didn't know what to do.
- The Department, via a Stipulation to Informal Disposition, issued to Respondent a voluntary surrender of his license.

Case 49

- Complainant had been treated by Respondent before; during one or more sessions, he referred to Complainant's breasts, calling them the girls.
- He stated that another client had recently offered to sexually stimulate him manually.
- Respondent offered to perform a "sensual massage" in order for her to achieve orgasm, to perform oral sex on her, and allow her to use his office to masturbate.
- In another case, the Complainant had had 3 sessions with Respondent. During one session, Respondent made non-therapeutic comments about what sexual positions were comfortable and uncomfortable for her.
- During one of these sessions, Respondent provided breast massage to the Complainant.

Case 49 (continued)

- In a third case, Respondent discussed with Complainant the topic of shaving and waxing genitalia.
- During another session, Respondent commented that Complainant had gone completely waxed and how she could exfoliate her pubic bone. At one point, Respondent held Complainant's leg so that her genitals were exposed and asked if she wanted to remove her thong as the treatment could be sexually stimulating.
- Respondent touched a fourth patient's genitalia and manually stimulated her to orgasm
- The Department took summary action against Respondent and, via an Agreed Order, accepted a voluntary surrender of Respondent's license.

Case 50

- While Respondent was treating Complainant for back pain, he massaged her breasts on one or more occasions.
- On one occasion, he also touched her genitals.
- After the last session had concluded, he re-entered the room and apologized. He also reported the violations to his employer.
- Respondent was charged with, and pled guilty to, Third Degree Assault with Sexual Motivation in Superior Court.
- The Department took summary action and, via an Agreed Order, the Respondent permanently voluntarily surrendered his license.

Case 51

- Complainant alleges that Respondent grabbed her breasts during a massage.
- Respondent was working on Complainant's neck, shoulders and upper body from the head of the table.
- Gradually, Respondent's movement got closer with each pass to the actual breast. On the last movement, Respondent grabbed the full breast in his hand.
- Complainant, who had been getting more and more uncomfortable, abruptly ended the massage.

Case 52

- Complainant alleges Respondent inappropriately lifted her underwear and, ungloved, massaged her clitoris.
- Complainant felt as though Respondent sexually abused her and stated this was unacceptable.
- Respondent apologized and stated it would never happen again.
- The Department, via an Agreed Order, suspended Respondent for three years.

Case 53

- Respondent had multiple complainants. In one case, he positioned Client so that one or both breasts were in view. He also used a full length mirror to view Client when she turned over.
- With another client, Respondent spread her legs wide apart and spent a lengthy amount of time massaging Client's inner thigh "high up".
- With this client, he adjusted her draping to view her near-naked body, including allowing him to view her breasts.
- A third client was completely undressed for a massage, and Respondent also spread her legs wide apart, placing her foot on his groin while he leaned in.
- As with other clients, Respondent positioned the drape so that the lower half of her body (completely nude) was exposed.

Case 53 (continued)

- A fourth client experienced a similar spreading of her legs by Respondent, and he adjusted her draping to expose her body.
- When the Client 4 brought her legs back together, Respondent spread them apart again and massaged in the area of her groin, holding her fingers under the elastic of her underwear. Respondent did not stop even when Client told him it felt “awkward”.
- When Client 4 was face down, Respondent lifted her shoulder off the table which exposed her breasts; he also positioned her underwear between her buttocks.
- Respondent performed massage on a fifth Client and brushed his hands against her breasts while massaging her arms.
- While massaging Client 5’s legs, his hands got “extremely close” to her vagina, and massaged near her groin for an inappropriate amount of time. She felt uncomfortable and asked Respondent to stop.

Case 53 (continued)

- During a massage, a sixth client alleged that Respondent massaged her inner thigh very close to the groin.
- Client 6's breasts were not draped, and Respondent rubbed his hand against Client 6's breast.
- While massaging her shoulders, Respondent pulled Client 6's draping down exposing her nipple; Client 6 readjusted the drape to cover her nipple.
- When Client 6 was face down, Respondent pressed his groin area against her head; he reached across her upper body, reached under her underwear and massaged her buttocks and pulled the draping taut between her buttocks.

Case 53 (continued)

- Respondent massaged a seventh client and his hand was alleged to have brushed against her genitals. She asked Respondent to stop.
- When Respondent stretched her legs, Client 7's draping fell off, exposing her underwear.
- The Department suspended Respondent's license for two years, imposed a fine of \$1,000 and ordered a psychosexual evaluation prior to any reinstatement.

Case 54

- Complainant alleges Respondent engaged in an extended intimate relationship with a client.
- Respondent admitted she was having a sexual relationship that became “more serious”.
- When asked if she would end the relationship as it was a violation of law, she replied she cannot help who she loves and was unwilling to end it.
- Respondent was terminated in January 2014.

