

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

Committee on Acupuncture Policy 07-01

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**COMMITTEE ON ACUPUNCTURE**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

Whenever a member of the Acupuncture Committee is asked to participate in a particular matter, in which the member has a financial or legal interest, or in which the member's immediate family member, partner, business organization (in which the member serves as an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee), or prospective employer has a financial or legal interest, the member shall disclose that interest immediately to the Chair of the Committee.

Whenever a member of the Acupuncture Committee believes that, because of knowledge or information received outside of the Committee proceedings, or because of a prior or existing relationship with Respondent or Respondent's legal counsel, he or she is unable to fairly and impartially consider the matter, the member shall disclose that to the Chair of the Committee.

The Chair, in consultation with legal counsel, shall:

- (1) ask the member to recuse themselves from the proceedings and ask that another Board member consider the matter in lieu of the committee member; or
- (2) make a written determination that the interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity and impartiality of the Committee member.

*Approved by the Committee on Acupuncture on December 14, 2006.*

*Approved by the Board of Registration in Medicine on January 24, 2007.*