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BOARD SEEKS TO REVOKE OR SUSPEND LICENSE OF PSYCHOLOGIST FOR SEXUALIZING THERAPY

Los Angeles Psychologist Accused of Gross Negligence, Unprofessional Conduct with Patient

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Board of Psychology (Board) has filed an accusation seeking to revoke or suspend the license of Eric. R. Bergemann, Ph.D. #23775, of Los Angeles for allegedly sexualizing therapy, expressing feelings of sexual attraction toward a patient, and engaging in unprofessional conduct.

According to the <u>Accusation</u>, Bergemann repeatedly engaged in inappropriate care and treatment of a patient by allegedly making comments of sexual nature, sexualizing therapy, and committing boundary violations. Bergemann is also accused of failing to appropriately diagnose and treat the patient.

The Board alleges Bergemann was grossly negligent in the practice of his profession, including functioning outside of field of competence, failing to abide by rules of professional conduct, violating laws and regulations governing the practice of Psychology, inadequate and inaccurate recordkeeping, and engaging in unprofessional conduct.

The Accusation is available on <u>Bergemann's licensing detail page</u> at https://search.dca.ca.gov/.

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The Board of Psychology would like to remind consumers that its brochure "Therapy Never Includes Sexual Behavior" is available online to <u>view or download</u>. For information on how to file a complaint or for information about the Board of Psychology, visit <u>www.psychology.ca.gov</u>.

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