

THE SPECTACLE

The California State Board of Optometry protects the health and safety of California consumers through licensing and regulation of the practices of optometry and opticianry.

SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER!

Welcome to this edition of *The Spectacle*! Inside, you'll find an article celebrating the centennial of the U.C. Berkeley Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science, release of a strategic planning supplemental survey, helpful information on advertising, a message from the Board's executive officer, an opinion piece on teleoptometry, instructions on how to subscribe to our social media, and much more. Keep reading for the latest happenings at the Board!

Board Celebrates the Centennial of the University of California, Berkeley, Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science

The California State Board of Optometry congratulates the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science on its centennial anniversary.

In May 1923—after a 16-year effort—the vision of **George Schneider** to establish a course in optometry at U.C. Berkeley was realized. In August 1923, the inaugural class began their studies.

Since 1923, more than 3,000 optometric doctors have graduated and 250 Ph.D.s have been awarded by the school. This year, another 69 optometric doctors and four Ph.D.s graduated.

Congratulations on **100 years of incredible contributions** to the field of optometry!



Click to download the free centennial poster by Aldo Crusher.

Follow Us on Social Media and Sign Up for Emails

The Board regularly posts on several social media platforms—**Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Threads,** and **Twitter.**

Did you know that the Board also has an email list? If social media is not your thing, but you still want to stay up to date with Board updates and happenings like optometry/optician regulations and legislation, public board meeting announcements/agendas, *The Spectacle*, subject matter expert workshops, and all other Board-related update, subscribe **online.**



Take Part in Strategic Planning Supplemental Survey: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Responses Requested by October 31

In September 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order **N-16-22** directed state agencies and departments to take additional actions to embed equity analysis and considerations into its policies and practices, including but not limited to the strategic planning process. The California Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) Strategic Organizational Leadership and Individual Development (SOLID) Planning Unit and DCA's DEI Steering Committee worked together to ensure the strategic planning process reflects our commitment to DEI, including inclusive public engagement and enhanced data collection and analysis.

While the executive order is being applied to new strategic plans, it also requires updates to existing strategic plans. As such, DCA developed a modified strategic planning process to capture DEI data from Board stakeholders, and to provide an opportunity for the Board to consider this data and possibly make changes to existing strategic objectives.

As part of the new environmental scan process:

- DCA has added a question asking the respondents if they have an interest in being a subject matter expert for your Board. If they select "yes," respondents are provided with program contact information.
- DEI-specific questions:
 - These new questions, as developed by the DEI Steering Committee, appear in a new DEI section of the environmental scan survey.
 - Our Environmental Scan Report now has a section dedicated specifically to these questions and the responses we receive.

- We will be asking board members to review this data and consider incorporating DEI impacts in strategic objectives.
- Finally, demographic questions have been added to the survey:
 - These questions are being used Departmentwide as part of various surveys and application processes. These are the same demographic questions currently established by the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) for healing arts boards.

For this supplemental strategic planning process, the Board is surveying for responses only to these new DEI-related questions. **This survey is anonymous, and responses are optional.** Upon completion of the survey, DCA will prepare a supplemental environmental scan report focused on the responses received to the DEI questions.

DCA will then work with the Board to schedule a supplemental strategic planning session during which board members will consider whether to modify any of existing objectives, or perhaps add some new objectives, based upon the DEI survey data, training, and information received.

In order to comply with the executive order and to strengthen the Board's commitment to a "California for All," please take the brief survey **online**, or access the survey by scanning the QR code.



This survey will be open until October 31, 2023.

All responses are anonymous. DCA's SOLID Planning Unit will add your feedback to its analysis to help the Board supplement its strategic plan in response to the survey results.

We appreciate your assistance.

Why Serve as a Board Member?

by Board Executive Officer Gregory Pruden

As a board member, you can make a difference as an appointed member of the state body that regulates the practice of optometry and opticianry. Board Members from varying backgrounds collectively protect California consumers by developing policy, setting professional standards, and taking disciplinary action.

BOARD INFORMATION

The California State Board of Optometry is comprised of 11 members appointed by the governor, speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Rules Committee.

- The governor appoints six professional members and three public members.
- The speaker of the Assembly appoints one public member.
- The Senate Rules Committee appoints one public member.

The board also contains a statutorily created Dispensing Optician Committee (DOC). The DOC is comprised of five members appointed by the governor and the board:

- The governor appoints two public members and two optician members.
- The board appoints one licensee board member.

Members are generally appointed to serve a four-year term, plus a one-year grace period. A member cannot exceed two full terms.

BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

Currently, there are eight active members. Three vacancies exist:

- One professional member.
- One professional member optician.
- One public member.

The DOC has no members currently appointed.

The board meets four times per year, along with committee meetings. There may also be additional task force meetings. Members also conduct business with staff via email. The meetings themselves are usually a one-day commitment and may be held in various locations around the state.

BOARD MEMBER QUALITIES

Qualities of a board member include interest in protecting California’s consumers, a willingness to commit and actively participate in the process, the courage to voice your opinion (even when it’s unpopular), and the ability to compromise and form an objective opinion.

HOW TO APPLY

The first step to becoming a board or committee member is to apply to the office of the appropriate appointing official. To apply for a board member appointment, visit:

- **Governor appointments.**
- **Speaker of the Assembly appointments.**
- **Senate Rules Committee appointments.**

Contact information for the three primary appointing offices is below:

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

1021 O St., Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 445-2841

Senate Rules Committee

State Capitol, Room 400
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 651-4120

Speaker of the Assembly

State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 319-2062

Once you’ve applied, you may be contacted for an interview and a final selection will be made to confirm an appointment. If you have further questions about being a Board Member, please visit DCA’s online **Board Member Resource Center** or contact me directly at **Gregory.Pruden@dca.ca.gov**.

The Do's and Don'ts of Advertising

by Brad Garding, Enforcement Analyst, California State Board of Optometry

Advertising in the world of optometry is any form of public communication used to bring the practice of optometry or opticianry to the attention of the public. Advertisements may be found in any representation located on the internet, store signs, on the radio, television, flyers, business cards, and office stationery.

The Board's mission is to protect the health and safety of California consumers through licensing, education, and regulation of optometry and opticianry. With respect to optometric advertising, the Board accomplishes its mission by communicating with licensees and Californians to aid in the understanding of laws and regulations related to advertising of vision care in the state.

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

Optometrists in California are restricted as to how they may present themselves to the public and how they may advertise their services.

The following are examples of optometric advertising regulations:

- Optometrists must identify themselves as doctors of optometry when they use "Dr." or "Doctor" by using the suffix "O.D." or "Opt. D." (**Business and Professions Code [BPC] section 3098**).
- Optometrists cannot advertise themselves as a specialist in eye disease and the treating of eye disease (**BPC section 3099**) or as having special knowledge of optometry (**BPC section 3100**).
- Optometrists shall not use any title, subtitle, or phrase to convey or give the impression that they have exceptional proficiency in any phase of optometric practice including any statement implying that some particular system or procedure is superior to or safer than what is taught in accredited optometry schools (**California Code of Regulations [CCR] section 1512**).
- Optometrists cannot hold themselves out as being able to perform any professional services beyond the scope of the license (**BPC section 3110(r)**).
- Optometrists are not physicians or medical doctors and may not refer to themselves as such (**BPC section 4039**).

- Optometrists must register all fictitious business names with the Board (**BPC section 3078** and **CCR Section 1518**).
 - All fictitious business names must contain the word "optometry" or "optometric."
 - All fictitious business names must not be confusing to the public.
 - All signs, stationery, or advertising in connection with registered fictitious names must identify all optometrists registered, and practicing, at that location.
- Optometrists without a valid California optometry license and applicants for optometry licensure cannot advertise themselves as being an optometrist until they are licensed. (**BPC section 3101**).
- Optometrists can advertise free optometric services if all contingencies for receiving free services are fully disclosed in the same advertisement (**BPC section 3102**).
- Optometrists cannot engage in any false or misleading advertisements (this law is not exclusive to optometry) (**BPC sections 651, 3110(g)**, and **17500**).
- All signs, stationery, or other advertising must clearly identify all optometrists practicing at that location (**CCR section 1513**).
- When an optometrist purchases an existing practice, they may continue to refer to the name of the optometrist from which the practice was purchased (up to two years) if they have the permission of the predecessor optometrist and has acquired the active patient records of the practice (**CCR section 1518**).
- Optometrists are not allowed to advertise their practice on advertising owned by a Registered Dispensing Ophthalmic Business (RDO) (**BPC section 655(d)(5)**, (d)(6), and **BPC section 3104**), but are free to advertise that RDO on their own advertising (**BPC section 655(d)(4)**).

Board staff frequently encounter violations of one or more of the advertising requirements listed above. The most common violations are:

- The use of an unregistered fictitious business name.
- Not identifying themselves as optometric doctors.

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The illegal fictitious name violations can be categorized into two different groups:

1. The optometrist(s) have not registered the fictitious business name with the Board by applying for and obtaining a Fictitious Name Permit (FNP).
2. The optometrists have obtained an FNP but are using a name that is different than the registered business name.

Unfortunately, there are countless examples of online advertising violations that could be avoided with familiarity and awareness of the advertising laws. In our normal daily activity, Board staff often view the websites of our licensees. It is each licensee's responsibility to comply with all advertising laws. The Board is authorized to act against those individuals who violate advertising laws, from issuing citations to pursuing formal discipline.

From the beginning of 2021 to July 2023, optometrists were cited and fined for violating the following advertising-related Business and Professions Section Codes sections:

- BPC section 651(e)—Publicly communicating false or misleading information.
- BPC section 3078—Practicing under a false or assumed name.

- BPC section 3098 – Failure to use the suffix “O.D.” or “Opt. D.” following the prefix “Dr.”
- BPC section 3100—Claiming special knowledge of optometry.
- BPC section 3110(e)—Misrepresentation.
- BPC section 3110(g)—False advertising.
- BPC section 3110(r)—Performing or holding oneself out as being able to perform services outside the scope of practice.

The Board publishes a list of all laws related to the practice of optometry on its website. It is the responsibility of all licensees to be aware of the laws governing the practice of optometry in California. Please visit the “**Laws**” section of www.optometry.ca.gov and become familiar with the laws governing your scope of practice.

If you are ever in need of clarification of your advertisement, please reach out to an analyst at the Board via email at csboenforcement@dca.ca.gov.

Join the conversation! Bring any concerns you have to the next Board meeting! Suggestions are welcome at every Board and/or Committee Meeting. See when the next one is.



Remote Eye Care: No Longer a Remote Possibility

by Dr. Stacy Bragg, O.D., California State Board of Optometry Board Member and Telehealth Practitioner

When you see or hear the phrase “remote eye exam,” what is your immediate reaction? Do you cringe at the thought of patients being duped into a pseudo-exam that merely renews their existing prescription? Or do you embrace the current technology, which has the potential to expand access to eye care for millions of patients? Or do you land somewhere in the middle and are unsure how this technology impacts patient care?

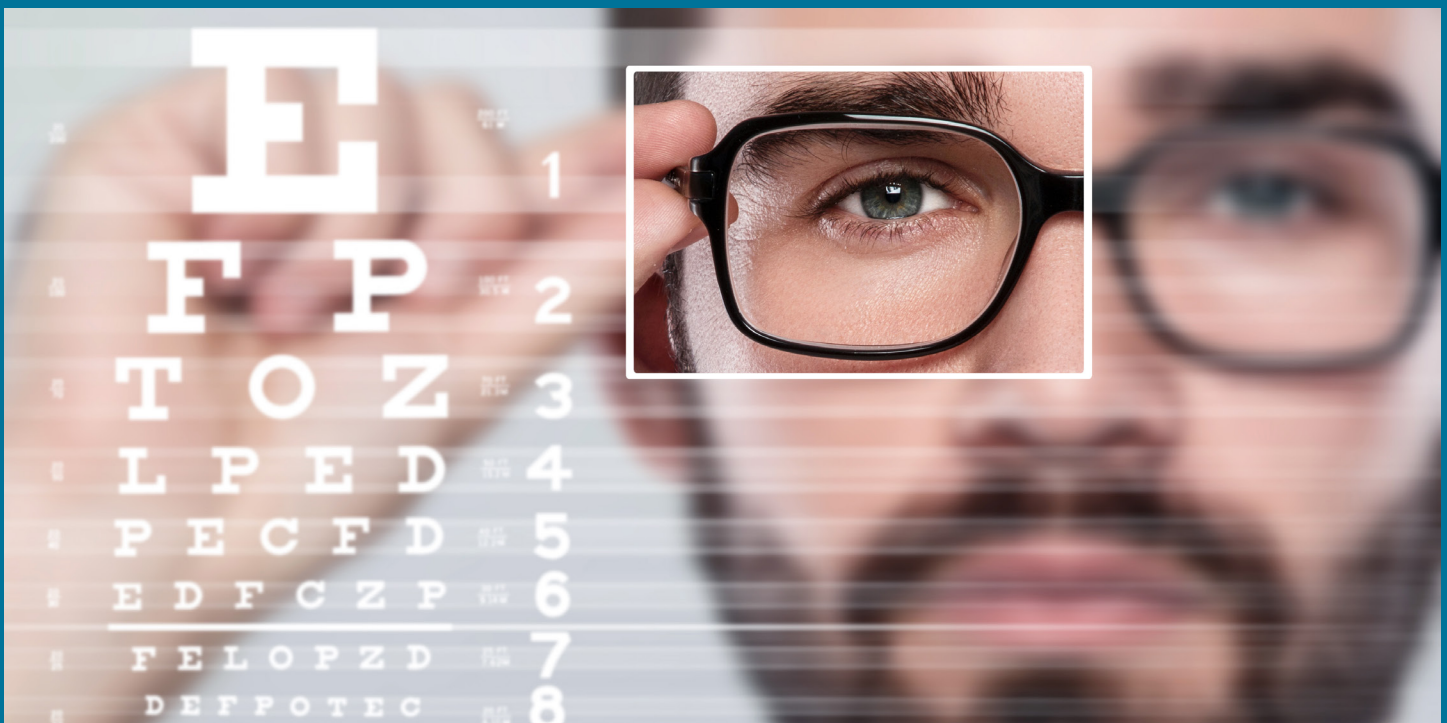
A few years ago, when I first heard about telehealth platforms for optometry, I was skeptical. In my mind, there was no way patients could receive quality eye examinations without a doctor being present and performing the exam. Fast forward a couple of years to mid/late-2020, when a virus outbreak in China had evolved into the COVID-19 pandemic as we now know it, and my thoughts began to change. Many optometric offices suspended routine vision care, which left patients in need of vision correction searching for alternatives. There were offices in some locales that were thriving on providing remote care when live, in-person care was not readily available. Jobson Optical Research conducted several Coronavirus Eye Care Professional surveys starting in March 2020. Wave 4

was performed March 28–30 and had the highest number of respondents (n=1,769). More than 1,100 of the respondents were optometrists, 67.1% of all respondents had closed their practices, and 88.4% of all respondents had or were considering reducing their hours of operation.

During this time period, a good friend of mine had shifted modes of practice to remote eye care to patients outside of California. She believed that the type of care she was providing remotely was on par with the routine, primary care she had been providing in her office over the past decade. The platform she was using provided her with all the standard pre-test readings of lensometry, keratometry, tonometry, auto-refractor, and automated visual field. Videos of extra ocular muscle motility, eye teaming, and pupil testing performed by a technician were also uploaded into the platform for review. Additionally, she reviewed the manifest refraction performed by an unlicensed, but trained, remote refractionist (with the ability to re-refract if information did not seem accurate), anterior segment videos, and wide-field posterior segment photos. She felt that the wide-field photos provided her with a better view than what she could obtain with her on-site patients who declined to be dilated.

After hearing of the virtues of working with this remote eye exam platform and being a little less skeptical, I decided to proceed with getting my New York state license in 2021

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to learn first-hand how this technology works. There was an adjustment period, but it was not too long before I felt very confident in the quality care that I was providing to the patients in upstate New York, where there are few on-site optometrists available. To be clear, under Business and Professions Code section 2544, this activity is not permissible under California law, so this was done under my New York license to patients located out of state.

Remote eye care, as it stands today, does have its limitations. Assistants and technicians need adequate training to provide high quality testing to assist the optometrist in diagnosing the patient. Under California law, optometrist assistants must have 45 hours of training acceptable to the optometrist to be able to do subjective refraction procedures under physical supervision for non-telehealth services. A similar training requirement would be important if these services were provided in a remote environment. As technology advances, ensuring that optometric assistants and technicians are properly trained and skills periodically honed will be critical to the production of high quality examinations. From a consumer protection standpoint, it is imperative that these limitations are communicated clearly to patients. As technology advances, I believe that the quality and scope of remote exams will also improve and there will be fewer limitations associated with remote eye care.

An often-overlooked aspect of consumer protection is accessibility. It is detrimental to the public if there is not access to affordable care. Teleoptometry may be the best tool to reach Californians living in underserved regions. The laws around telehealth for California-licensed optometrists are limited and California consumers are not presently able to access many of these services and technologies. The California State Board of Optometry has a great responsibility in crafting regulations that balance the judicious use of technology with the expansion of access to quality care, while ensuring consumer and public protection. I look forward to having these discussions.

In 2022, the American Optometric Association Telehealth Council reviewed and updated their 2020 “Telemedicine in Optometry” policy and developed a new position statement. The Board of Trustees approved the statement in October 2022. If you have not read the statement yet, I encourage you to do so **online**. After reading it, your reaction the next time you see or hear “remote eye exam” might be a little different than it would be today.



Who’s New at the Board?

The Board would like to thank the departing board members for their unwavering commitment and active participation. These members are Stacy Hancock, Registered Optician; Glenn Kawaguchi, O.D.; Mark Morodomi, J.D.; Jonathon M. Ross, O.D.; and Donald Yoo, J.D.

We would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the latest additions to the board: Stacy Bragg, O.D., Robert Klepa, J.D., and Paul Hsu. We are thrilled to have them on board.

A warm welcome to our new members!

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GET TO KNOW TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS



- 1. Hi, my name is:**
Robert Klepa.
- 2. What I enjoy doing most in my day job:**
Teaching law to paralegals.
- 3. I like to:**
Ride my bike, read history books and mystery novels.
- 4. I applied for board membership because:**
I thought my skills would be useful in helping the board carry out its various functions.
- 5. Consumer protection is important because:**
So many of our friends, colleagues, family members, and ourselves rely on the professionals overseen by the Board to protect our vision.
- 6. As a board member, I hope to:**
Help improve all aspects of the professions the board oversees.
- 7. My perfect day looks like:**
Accomplishing all of the tasks I set out for myself. Sadly, this rarely occurs.
- 8. My personal mantra or motto is:**
I don't have one, yet.
- 9. I'm currently listening to and/or reading:**
A Pulitzer Prize-winning book on the history of Cuba called *Cuba: An American History* by Ada Ferrer, and listening to an audiobook mystery by Donna Leon named "Dressed for Death."
- 10. My superpower is:**
Listening to what people are telling me.



- 1. Hi, my name is:**
Stacy Bragg, O.D.
- 2. My day job is:**
Working as an optometrist at Regency Eye Care Inc. in South Sacramento.
- 3. I like to:**
Take photos of wildlife and nature, hike, snowboard, and watch the English Premier League. Go City!
- 4. I applied for board membership because:**
I wanted to have a greater impact for my patients beyond the care that I provide in my office.
- 5. As a board member, I hope to:**
Contribute to regulatory changes that would improve Californians' access to affordable, quality eye care.
- 6. My personal mantra is:**
Borrowed from the words of Ruth Bader Ginsburg: "If you want to be a true professional, you will do something outside yourself. Something to repair tears in your community. Something to make life a little better for people less fortunate than you."
- 7. Right now, I am listening to:**
Ashley McBryde's catalogue on Shuffle while waiting for the complete release of her newest album.
- 8. My superpower is:**
Sincerity.

The Winter Edition of *The Spectacle* will feature newly appointed Board Member Paul Hsu.



Recent Disciplinary Actions Taken by the Board

For the most current list of citations issued and disciplinary actions, please visit <https://www.optometry.ca.gov/consumers/disciplinary.shtml>.

The Board provides information* regarding administrative disciplinary actions for immediate access and convenience of interested persons. You can also access the “[Online License Verification](#)” to verify if a licensed optometrist has had any disciplinary action taken against their license or to verify the current status of a license.

(*While the Board believes the information to be reliable, human or technical error remains a possibility, as does a possible delay in posting or updating information.)

CITE AND FINE

Cavanna, Cheryl/SC Eye-Lab—San Clemente

On April 13, 2023, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Cheryl Cavanna for operating a spectacle dispensary without a current and valid Registered Dispensing Ophthalmic Business registration and falsely advertised for services she was not lawfully registered to provide. (BPC §§ 2564.91(a), 2556.5, 651(a), 17500, 2555.5(g), 2555.5(p).)

[Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the registrant’s profile.](#)

Cheng, Simon S. (OPT 12032)—Los Angeles

On June 29, 2023, a \$900 citation was issued to Simon Cheng (OPT 12032) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3059(e), 3110(a)(j), and CCR § 1536(b)(l)).

[Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Choi, Jenny (OPT 11301)—Santa Ana

On June 6, 2023, a \$1,700 citation was issued to Jenny Choi (OPT 11301) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on her license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3059(e), 3110(a)(j), and CCR § 1536(b)(l)).

[Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Chung, Sarah Wonkyung (OPT 13845)—Westminster

On June 20, 2023, a \$900 citation was issued to Sarah Wonkyung Chung (OPT 13845) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a)(j) and CCR § 1536(l)).

[Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Conteras, Rachel Ann (SLD 42952)—Merced

On March 30, 2023, a \$500 citation was issued to Rachel Ann Conteras (SLD 42952) for making false statements of material facts or omitting to state material facts in connection with the application for issuance of a Spectacle Lens Dispenser registration (BPC §§ 475(a)(1), and 2555.5(j)).

[Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor profile.](#)

Devlyn Optical, LLC (Unregistered)—Walnut Park

On April 27, 2023, a \$5,000 citation was issued to Devlyn Optical, LLC (Unregistered) for operating a spectacle lens dispensary without a current and valid Registered Dispensing Ophthalmic Business registration and falsely advertising services not lawfully registered to provide. (BPC §§ 651(a), 17500, 2555.5(g), (p), 2556.5, and 2564.91(a).)

[Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

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Douangchak, Mark Songphol (OPT 14138)—Chino Hills

On June 20, 2023, a \$1,300 citation was issued to Mark Songphol Douangchak (OPT 14138) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3059(e), 3110(a)(j), and CCR §1536(b)(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Kamenev, Mila (OPT 14810)—Irvine

On May 2, 2023, a \$1,300 citation was issued to Mila Kamenev (OPT 14810) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on her license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3059(e), 3110(a),(j) and CCR § 1536(b),(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Kauser, Sharieff V. (OPT 10527)—Yorba Linda

On June 20, 2023, a \$2,000 modified citation was issued to Sharieff V. Kauser (OPT 10527) for practicing optometry under a false or assumed name without first obtaining a Fictitious Name Permit from the Board, failure to notify the Board of change of address, and advertising or holding oneself to be a specialist having special knowledge of optometry (BPC §§ 3070(a), 3078(a), 3099, 3100, and 3110(a)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Kurata, James Ken (OPT 8098)—Los Angeles On March 30, 2023, a \$1,300 citation was issued to James Ken Kurata (OPT 8098) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3059(e), 3110(a)(j), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Milner, Garrett Tyler (OPT 13780)—Hercules

On March 30, 2023, a \$2,100 citation was issued to Garrett Tyler Milner (OPT 13780) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3059(e), 3110(a),(j), and CCR § 1536(b),(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Shulkin, Michael Charles (OPT 7703)—Santa Rosa

On May 18, 2023, a \$500 citation was issued to Michael Charles Shulkin (OPT 7703) for failing to provide a copy of a patient’s prescription immediately after an eye examination, failing to orally inform the patient of the expiration date of a spectacle lens prescription at the time the prescription was issued, and violating a provision of the Optometry Practice Act (BPC §§ 2541.1 (d), and 3110(a)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Soares, Trajan Joaquin (OPT 9569)—Los Banos

On June 20, 2023, a \$2,000 citation was issued to Trajan Joaquin Soares (OPT 9569) for having a sexual relationship with a patient, ranging from about August 2013 to about August 2021. During this time, he provided optometry services to this patient in his office. (BPC §§ 3110(a), (m)(2), and 726(a)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Steinberg, Craig S. (OPT 8032)—Sherman Oaks

On March 30, 2023, a \$1,700 citation was issued to Craig S. Steinberg (OPT 8032) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3059(e), 3110(a)(j), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Todd, David Paul (OPT 14252)—Sonoma

On March 30, 2023, a \$900 citation was issued to David Paul Todd (OPT 14252) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3059(e), 3110(a)(j), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

Wong, Gordon Miles (OPT 8140)—Petaluma

On June 22, 2023, a \$2,100 citation was issued to Gordon Miles Wong (OPT 8140) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020–2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3059(e), 3110(a)(j), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor’s profile.](#)

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LICENSE/REGISTRATION DENIED

Sharpe, Andre (SLD Applicant)

Effective May 25, 2023, the Registered Spectacle Lens Dispenser application of Andre Sharpe (SLD Applicant), was denied based on prior Criminal Convictions of Assault with a Firearm, Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Child Under 14, and False Statement of Material Fact in Connection with an Application (BPC §§ 475(a)(1), 480(a)(1)(a), and 2559.2). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action.](#)

PETITION TO REVOKE

Summers, Brianna (SLD 41814)—Burbank

On July 18, 2023, a Petition to Revoke Probation was filed against Brianna Summers' Spectacle Lens Dispenser Registration (SLD 41814) for multiple probation violations. Brianna Summers' was placed on probation for three years, effective February 23, 2023, for Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime and Dangerous Use of Alcoholic Beverages. (BPC §§ 490, 2555.5(k), (l), and CCR title 16 § 1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile.](#)

PC23 SUSPENSION

Bartell, Cesar Raul (OPT 13408)—Sisseton

On July 7, 2023, a Criminal Protective Order (Penal Code [PC] § 23 suspension) was issued which specified, "Defendant is ordered to not engage in any business requiring a state license for the optometry field." Subject pled guilty to and sustained a felony criminal conviction for two counts of PC § 288(a)—lewd and lascivious act upon a child under 14. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile.](#)

PENDING ACCUSATIONS

Daghlawi, May (SLD 42336 / CLD 8662)—Eastvale

On June 5, 2023, an Accusation was filed against the registrations of May Daghlawi (SLD 42336/CLD 8662), with an address of record in Eastvale, CA, for Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§ 490, 2555.1, 2555.5(a), (k), (l), and 2557 in conjunction with CCR title 16 § 1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's SLD profile.](#)

Young, Lawrence Edwin (OPT 8618)—Coarsegold

On January 31, 2023, an Accusation was filed against the license of Lawrence Edwin Young (OPT 8618), with an address of record in Coarsegold, CA, for an Act of Sexual Abuse, Misconduct, or Relations with a Patient and Unprofessional Conduct (BPC §§ 3110, 3110(m)(2), and CCR title 16 § 1517(c)(7)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

PROBATION

Tien, Peter (OPT 33489)—Baldwin Park

Effective May 25, 2023, the license of Peter Tien (OPT 33489), with an address of record in Baldwin Park, CA, was revoked, the revocation stayed, and the license was placed on probation for three (3) years. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

PUBLIC REPROVAL

Haghverdian, Argina (OPT 33807)—Northridge

On March 16, 2023, the license of Argina Haghverdian (OPT 33807), with an address of record in Northridge, CA, was issued a Public Reproval. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

REVOKED

Fausset, Thomas Mark (OPT 8223)—Los Angeles

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Soss, Edward H. (OPT 4847)—San Francisco

On April 28, 2023, the license of Edward H. Soss (OPT 4847) with an address of record in San Francisco, CA, was revoked for multiple probation violations. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

Trevino, Rogelio (SLD 40960)—Temecula

Effective June 17, 2023, the Spectacle Lens Registration of Rogelio Trevino (SLD 40930), with an address of record in Temecula, CA was revoked for a Criminal Conviction for Child Abuse (BPC §§ 490, 2555.1, 2555.5(k)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile.](#)

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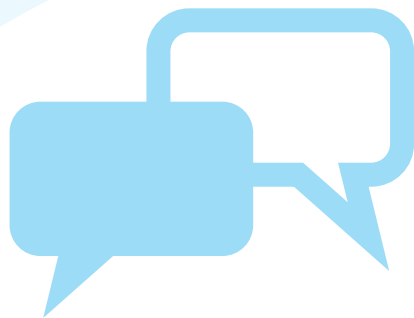
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