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# **ISSUE MEMORANDUM**

DATE	December 8, 2023
то	Members, California State Board of Optometry (CSBO)
FROM	Joely Walker, Enforcement Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #7B– Executive Officer's Report - Enforcement Program

At the end of May, the Board's Lead Enforcement Analyst retired. We have hired a new Enforcement Analyst, Sidney Villareal. Sidney has worked for DCA at the Veterinary Medical Board, and the Contractors State Licensing Board with her most recent experience coming from the Horse Racing Board.

Sidney will have a workload of the more complex consumer complaints, expedited DOI referrals, as well as working with the Attorney General's Office and assisting with the Board's statistical reporting.

## Statistics:

- A. We are providing the priority/category of complaints, ranging from urgent to routine. That information is on attachment "6Bi" for Optometry and Opticianry.
- B. Probation monitoring statistics are available on the quarterly complaint statistics logs. There are currently a total of 7 licensees (OPT/OPN) on probation. Of these, 1 probationer is tolled and not receiving credit toward the completion of probation. One licensee successfully completed probation, and a Petition to Revoke Probation was filed against 1 licensee for non-compliance of probation.
- C. Continuing Education Audits statistics are provided as attachment "6Bii". 13 audits have been completed in the quarter. Of the 13 completed, the statistics show 62 percent have passed (5 failed, 8 passed).

Below are Fiscal Year 2023-24 Quarter 1 enforcement actions taken by the Board:

## **Citations Issued**

# Barnes, Alisa Renai (OPT 9434)

## Los Angeles, CA

On July 31, 2023, a \$1,700 citation was issued to Alisa Barnes (OPT 9434) 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)). <u>Click here to</u> obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.

### Baskett, John Scott (OPT 8423) Citrus Heights, CA

On September 19, 2023, a \$2,500.00 citation was issued to John Scott Baskett (OPT 8423) 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.

## Cordero, Angelica Elena (SLD 43033, CLD 8927)

## El Cajon, CA

On August 9, 2023, a \$2,200.00 citation was issued to Angelica Cordero (SLD 43033, CLD 8927) for fitting and adjusting spectacle lenses and contact lenses without first obtaining a Spectacle Lens Dispenser registration and a Contact Lens Dispenser registration (BPC §§2556.5 and 2559.1(a)(1)). <u>Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's SLD profile.</u> <u>Click here to obtain a copy of view the registrant's CLD profile.</u>

#### Cortes-Stefanovic, Grace (OPT 13247) Marysville, WA

On September 19, 2023, a \$900 citation was issued to Grace Cortes-Stefanovic (OPT 13247) 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 §§3110(a),(j) and CCR §1536(I)). <u>Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.</u>

#### Costco Wholesale #401 (RDO 6817) San Diego, CA

On August 9, 2023, a \$2,500.00 citation was issued to Costco Wholesale #401 (RDO 6817) for aiding and abetting the unregistered practice of spectacle and contact lens fitting and adjusting (BPC §§2559.1(a), 2555.5(a), and 2564.93(b)). <u>Click here to obtain</u> a copy of the action or to view the RDO's registration profile.

## Kleinman, Ronald Paul (OPT 7101) Panorama City, CA 91402

On August 15, 2023, a \$5,000.00 citation was issued to Ronald Paul Kleinman (OPT 7101), with an address of record in Panorama City, CA, for permitting another person to use his optometry license and prescription pad to perform eye exams and write prescriptions (BPC §§3110(a) and (u)). <u>Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile</u>.

## Lundgren, Daniel Julien (OPT 9435) Modesto, CA

On September 19, 2023, a \$900 citation was issued to Daniel J. Lundgren (OPT 9435) 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). <u>Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.</u>

#### Manavi-Makhani, Roya (OPT 10510) Santa Monica, CA

On September 20, 2023, a \$4,000.00 citation was issued to Dr. Roya Manavi-Makhani (OPT 10510), for practicing optometry under a false or assumed name without first obtaining a Fictitious Name Permit from the Board and failure to cooperate and participate in a Board investigation (BPC§3078(a), 3110(a) and CCR§1518 and 1582(a)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.

## Menia, Arzen

On August 1, 2023, a \$5,000.00 citation was issued to Arzen Menia for practicing optometry without a license (BPC §§2540, 2544(a)(9)(B), 3040(a), and 3110(s)). <u>Click here to obtain a copy of the action.</u>

# Miyamoto, Richard John (OPT 7016)

**Gardena, CA** On August 21, 2023, a \$2,000.00 citation was issued to Dr. Richard Miyamoto (OPT 7016), with an address of record in Gardena, CA, for Committing or soliciting an act punishable as a sexually related crime (BPC §§3110(a), and 3110(m)(1)). <u>Click here to</u> obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.

# Robles-Bell, Maria (OPT 7964)

## Santa Ana, CA

On September 6, 2023, a \$1,950.00 citation was issued to Maria Robles-Bell (OPT 7964) 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)). Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.

## Sarnova, Maria

On July 20, 2023, a \$750.00 citation was issued to Maria Sarnova, for fitting and adjusting spectacle lenses without first obtaining a Spectacle Lens Dispenser registration (BPC §§2555.5(p), 2556.5, and 2559.1(a)). <u>Click here to obtain a copy of the action</u>.

#### Young, Esther (OPT 14200) Emeryville, CA

On September 19, 2023, a \$5,000.00 citation was issued to Dr. Esther Young, O.D. (OPT 14200), for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of optometry (BPC §§3110(a), and (t)). <u>Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile</u>.