

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS: **Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman**
 Pamela Jones Harbour
 Jon Leibowitz
 William E. Kovacic
 J. Thomas Rosch

In the Matter of)	
The Connecticut Chiropractic Association, a corporation,)	
and)	File No. 071 0074
The Connecticut Chiropractic Council, a corporation,)	
and)	
Robert L. Hirtle, Esq., individually.)	

AGREEMENT CONTAINING CONSENT ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

The Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”), having initiated an investigation of certain acts and practices of the Connecticut Chiropractic Association (“CCA”), the Connecticut Chiropractic Council (“CCC”), and Robert L. Hirtle, Esq., (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Proposed Respondents”), and it now appearing that Proposed Respondents are willing to enter into an Agreement Containing Consent Order to Cease and Desist (“Consent Agreement”) from certain acts and practices, and providing for other relief,

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Proposed Respondents and their attorneys, and counsel for the Commission, that:

1. Respondent CCA is a not-for-profit corporation, organized, existing, and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Connecticut, with its office and principal place of business located at 2257 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067.
2. Respondent CCC is a not-for-profit corporation, organized, existing, and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Connecticut, with its office and principal place of business located at 8 Tyler Avenue, Branford, Connecticut 06405.

3. Respondent Hirtle was CCA's legal counsel at all times relevant to the facts alleged in the Complaint. His principal address is 185 Asylum Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.
4. Proposed Respondents waive:
 - a. any further procedural steps;
 - b. the requirement that the Commission's Decision and Order, attached hereto and made a part hereof, contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law;
 - c. all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the Decision and Order entered pursuant to this Consent Agreement; and
 - d. any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
5. This Consent Agreement shall not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until it is accepted by the Commission. If this Consent Agreement is accepted by the Commission, it, together with the draft of Complaint contemplated thereby, will be placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days and information with respect thereto publicly released. The Commission thereafter may either withdraw its acceptance of this Consent Agreement and so notify the Proposed Respondents, in which event it will take such action as it may consider appropriate, or issue and serve its Complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and Decision and Order, in disposition of the proceeding.
6. This Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Proposed Respondents that the law has been violated as alleged in the draft of Complaint here attached, or that the facts as alleged in the draft of Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.
7. This Consent Agreement contemplates that, if it is accepted by the Commission, and if such acceptance is not subsequently withdrawn by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34, the Commission may, without further notice to Proposed Respondents, (1) issue its Complaint corresponding in form and substance with the draft of Complaint here attached, (2) issue and serve its Decision and Order to cease and desist in disposition of the proceeding, and (3) make information public with respect thereto. When final, the Decision and Order shall have the same force and effect, and may be altered, modified, or set aside in the same manner and within the same time provided by statute for other orders. The Decision and Order shall become final upon service. Delivery of the Complaint and the Decision and Order to Proposed Respondents by any means specified in Commission Rule 4.4(a), 16 C.F.R. § 4.4(a), shall constitute service. The Complaint may be used in construing the terms of the Decision and Order, and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the Decision and Order or the Consent Agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the Decision and Order.
8. Proposed Respondents have read the Draft of Complaint and the Decision and Order contemplated hereby. By signing this Consent Agreement, Proposed Respondents represent that the full relief contemplated by this Consent Agreement can be accomplished. Proposed Respondents understand that once the Decision and Order has been issued, they will be required to file one or more compliance reports showing that they have fully complied with the Decision and Order. Proposed Respondents agree to

comply with Paragraph II of the draft Decision and Order from the date they sign this Consent Agreement. Proposed Respondents further understand that they may be liable for civil penalties in the amount provided by law for each violation of the Decision and Order after it becomes final.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 2008

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

By: _____
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