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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Institute of Physical Art, Inc.

Vicky Saliba Johnson and Gregory S Johnson co-founded the Institute of Physical Art, Inc. (IPA) in 1978 and co-developed the Functional Manual Therapy® (FMT) system of patient care. IPA teaches FMT approach internationally (US, India, Japan and Poland) through 21 different continuing education courses. The IPA offers over 150 courses in the US alone each year. Since 1997, the IPA has offered a certification process once a year, in Steamboat Springs, CO, for those therapists who desire to become recognized as Certified Functional Manual Therapists (CFMT's). These candidates undergo extensive review and testing over a week's period-of-time. The IPA sponsors an APTA/AAOMPT (AAOMPT is the US member of IFOMPT) accredited Fellowship program for CFMT's who desire advanced clinical reasoning and manual therapy training and wish to become a Fellow of AAOMPT. The IPA also offers an IPA Residency program which is hosted in multiple CFMT clinics throughout. The purpose of this Residency program is to facilitate the development of clinical skills and prepare the Resident to sit for the Functional Manual Therapy Certification (CFMT).

FMT is a structured system to optimize human movement. This systematic, scientifically-rooted, full-body approach promotes the interdependency of systems and regions. Therapists are trained to think three-dimensionally from a systems perspective, not just a tissue perspective. Training also includes the regional interdependency within the three-dimensional systems perspective.

The educational services are provided in the form of continuing education courses, some of which are required for academic credit at certain US PT programs. IPA frequently offers the courses at PT programs and many of these programs either require or encourage the graduate PT students to take the seminars as part of their professional education. These partnerships include; Long Island University (LIU), Hunter College, University of St. Augustine (USA), Samuel Merritt University, George Washington University, and George Washington University.

All the classes provided by The IPA are approved and accredited with CEU units by the appropriate credentialing bodies of the individual states where the courses are held. All IPA faculty are PT's with credentials, many at the Doctorate level. The IPA is continuing to grow it's CE offerings, expanding into courses for ATC's, Dentists, and Athletics Trainers.

Faculty of the IPA frequently present the concepts of FMT at International, State and National Physical Therapy conferences.

1. Instructors of FMT, including Gregory Paprocki, are extensively trained through a demanding and lengthy faculty training process. Qualified instructors, including Gregory Paprocki, are scheduled to teach in the US, Poland, Japan, India. All instructors are CFMT, and many have completed their FMT/AAOMPT Fellowship training. Vicky and Gregg Johnson have been teaching FMT continuing education since 1978 and are both recognized as honorary fellows by AAOMPT, the US representation of IFOMPT. Gregory Johnson is also recognized as a regular FAAOMPT and serves as Vice President on the Fellowship SIG of AAOMPT.
2. The following classes are core-curriculum classes for CFMT: FMI, FM II, FMLQ, FMUQ, PNF I, and CFS. The AAOMPT accredited FMT Fellowship requires these that these core curriculum classes have been completed and testing has demonstrated a successful competency in the core material.