

**From:** Abhijata Iyengar <>  
**Date:** April 3, 2019 at 5:09:41 PM GMT+5:30  
**To:** IYNAUS President <[president@iynaus.org](mailto:president@iynaus.org)>  
**Cc:** Abode Ofiyengaryoga <>, Manouso Manos  
<>  
**Subject:** Re: Manouso Manos

Dear David,

In response to your email of April 1, because Manouso is no longer a member of IYNAUS and because the independent investigation has resulted in a conclusion that he has engaged in improper sexual touching of students in his classes, he is not permitted to use the Iyengar Yoga name or the Iyengar Yoga Certification Mark in the name of his studio or in connection with his teaching.

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Prashant & Abhijata

On Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 5:45 PM IYNAUS President <[president@iynaus.org](mailto:president@iynaus.org)> wrote:

Dear Prashant and Abhijata,

I write to inquire about the trademark rights of Manouso Manos.

On March 8, 2019, Manouso resigned from IYNAUS. IYNAUS has also now received Ms. Bernadette Sargeant's privileged and confidential Report of Investigation of Allegations of Inappropriate Sexual Touching During Yoga Instruction Against Manouso Manos ("Report"). In the Report, Ms. Sargeant finds that between 2005 and the present, Manouso engaged in a number of incidents of inappropriate sexual touching. Her findings establish violations of IYNAUS's ethical prohibitions against sex abuse.

Because Manouso has resigned from IYNAUS, he is no longer a member in good standing of IYNAUS. Under the Certification Mark Agreement between you and IYNAUS, Manouso thus no longer has the right to use the Iyengar Yoga name or the Iyengar Yoga certification mark in the name of his studio or in connection with his teaching. However, in a March 20, 2019 letter, his lawyers stated that he has been authorized to use these trademarks by you and that he will continue to use them unless and until "the Iyengars tell him to stop using it."

Please advise us whether Manouso will continue to be permitted to use the Iyengar Yoga name and certification mark. If so, it will affect decisions that IYNAUS will make in order to protect the best interests of its members.

Very truly yours,

David W. Carpenter  
IYNAUS President

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