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To Gerald M. Rosen, Secretary
Chiropody Association of Maine

. . . You ask if a podiatrist (chiropodist) is entitled to use the term "foot specialist" on letterheads, business cards, windows, etc.

We answer your question in the negative.

Section 3 of Chapter 261 of the Public Laws of 1955, amending Section 8 of Chapter 74 of the Revised Statutes, appears to answer the present question. Subsection IV of Section 8 sets forth the titles that shall be considered ethical and correct for a podiatrist or chiropodist to use:

- "A. Dr. John Doe, Podiatrist (or Chiropodist);
- "B. John Doe, D. S. C.;
- "C. John Doe, D. S. C., Podiatrist (or Chiropodist)."

Subsection VI states:

"Letterheads and other office listing shall display no more than name, title, address, phone number and office hours."

It therefore appears clear that subsections IV and VI, when read together as intended, permit only the appellations contained in subsection IV and prohibit such terms as "foot specialist".

We would suggest that, if the use of such terms is considered necessary or desirable, then the matter be placed before the legislature.

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