



College of
Massage
Therapists of
Ontario

College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

1867 Yonge Street, Suite 810, Toronto, ON M4S 1Y5 | www.cmto.com | cmto@cmto.com

Phone 416.489.2626 | Toll-free (Ontario) 800.465.1933

Discipline Hearing Summary – Jessica Ross, RMT (Russell, ON) September 29, 2017

Decision

On September 29, 2017, the Discipline Committee found that Ms. Ross, a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), committed acts of professional misconduct in that she:

1. Failed to take reasonable steps to ensure that any information provided by or on behalf of the registrant to the College was accurate;
2. Contravened the *Massage Therapy Act, 1991* the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, or the regulations under either of those *Acts*, particularly section 76 (3.1) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code* requiring that a member co-operate fully with an investigator; and
3. Engaged in conduct or performed an act, relevant to the practice of the profession, that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.

Penalty Order and Cost Award Imposed

The Discipline Committee made the following order:

1. Ms. Ross is required to appear before a panel of the Discipline Committee immediately following the hearing of the matter to be reprimanded, with the fact of the reprimand and a summary of the reprimand to appear on the public register of the College.
2. The Registrar is directed to suspend Ms. Ross's Certificate of Registration for a period of ten (10) months, to commence thirty (30) days following the Discipline Hearing and to run consecutively.
3. The Registrar is directed to impose the following specified terms, conditions and limitations on Ms. Ross's Certificate of Registration:
 - a. Within eighteen (18) months of the date of the Discipline Hearing, Ms. Ross must provide proof, acceptable to the Registrar, of successful completion (i.e., an unconditional pass) of the PROBE Plus course, which is to be taken at Ms. Ross's own expense.
4. Ms. Ross is required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$3,000.00 within eighteen (18) months of the date of the Discipline Hearing.

The complete Decision and Reasons is available online on the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII) [website](#).