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Discipline Hearing Summary

Hongxu Zhang, RMT (Ottawa, ON), April 24, 2018

Decision

On April 24, 2018, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Hongxu Zhang, a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. sexually abused a client;
2. contravened a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published standard of CMTO, or failed to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession;
3. physically abused a client;
4. 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 registrants as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional; and
5. engaged in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by registrants as unbecoming a Massage Therapist.

Penalty Order and Cost Award

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

1. Mr. Zhang was reprimanded by a Panel of the Discipline Committee. The fact of the reprimand and the text of the reprimand is to appear on the public register. (The reprimand can be read below.)
2. The Registrar was directed to revoke Mr. Zhang's Certificate of Registration effective immediately.
3. Mr. Zhang was required to reimburse the College for funding for therapy and counselling provided to the client.
4. Mr. Zhang was required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$2,500.00 within

two (2) years of the date of this order.

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

Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Zhang

The following reprimand was delivered by a Panel of the Discipline Committee:

The Panel would like to acknowledge the respect that you have shown for the process and your presence here today. As you are aware, the College has a zero-tolerance policy for the sexual abuse of patients, which is derived from the Regulated Health Professions Act and is reflective of the mandatory revocation and reprimand ordered for your penalty today.

Your actions demonstrate that you deliberately chose not to take a step back or exercise professional judgment in what was in the best interest of your patient. We are extremely disappointed in your lack of professional judgment. It is always the responsibility of the healthcare provider to maintain the boundaries of the therapeutic relationship.

Your actions have demonstrated a clear disregard for the importance of this vital relationship and that you have failed to respect the power imbalance that exists between a healthcare provider and their patients.