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Discipline Hearing Summary

Robert Newey (Markham, ON), April 5, 2019

Decision

On April 5, 2019, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Newey, a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. was found guilty of an offence relevant to his suitability to practise;
2. sexually abused a client;
3. contravened a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, or failed to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession;
4. physically abused a client; and
5. 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.

Penalty Order and Cost Award

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

1. Mr. Newey is required to appear before a Panel of the Discipline Committee immediately following the hearing of this matter to be reprimanded, with the fact of the reprimand and the text of the reprimand to appear on the public register of the College;
2. The Registrar is directed to revoke Mr. Newey's Certificate of Registration effective immediately;
3. Mr. Newey is required to reimburse the College for funding provided to Client #1 and Client #2 under the program required under section 85.7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*.
4. Mr. Newey is required to, within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, post security acceptable to the College in the amount of \$10,000.00 to guarantee the payment of any

amounts he may be required to reimburse the College under the order in paragraph 3 above; and

5. Mr. Newey is required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$3,000.00, payable over twenty-four (24) months in equal monthly installments of \$125.00 in the form of pre-authorized credit card payments (which authorization shall be provided to the College on or before the date of the hearing), and which payments shall be charged starting one (1) month after the date of this order, continuing every month until the \$3,000.00 is paid in full.

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

Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Newey:

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

Mr. Newey, this Panel is appalled by the conduct you have engaged in. There is an expectation of moral behaviour by those granted the privilege of practising Massage Therapy. As a Massage Therapist, you are in a unique position of authority and are responsible for helping those who are often the most vulnerable. Therefore, you are held to a higher standard of accountability.

The damage that you have caused is irreversible. You have shown behaviour that is disgraceful, dishonourable and unprofessional. Public safety and public protection are at the forefront of this College's mandate. Revocation was mandatory in this case, and this Panel would not have been satisfied with any outcome other than the revocation of your [Certificate of Registration], given the serious and disturbing nature of your conduct. You have shown a complete disregard for the public, your clients and your College. Rather than give the care you have been privileged to provide to your clients, you have abused them and their trust. The College of Massage Therapists of Ontario has zero tolerance for sexual abuse and knows the public at large is safer without you working as a regulated health professional.