



## College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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### Discipline Summary

#### Francis Austin Pierre (Pickering, ON)

March 7, 2019

#### Motion Decision

On March 7, 2019, the Discipline Committee granted the College's motion to indefinitely adjourn the discipline hearings of Mr. Pierre in relation to two matters in which he was alleged to have engaged in the following acts of professional misconduct:

1. sexually abusing a client;
2. contravening of a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, or failing to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession;
3. doing anything to a client for a therapeutic or other health related purpose in a situation in which consent is required, without such a consent;
4. verbally or physically abusing a client;
5. engaging in conduct or performing 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/or
6. engaging in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by registrants as conduct unbecoming a Massage Therapist.

The Panel granted the motion after the College explained that Mr. Pierre had signed an undertaking to resign and never reapply for registration with the College, and that the College could prosecute Mr. Pierre if he were to breach the undertaking. In that undertaking, Mr. Pierre also agreed to post security in the amount of \$15,000.00, to be made available to two of his former clients for sexual abuse therapy or counselling.

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