



## College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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### **Discipline Summary**

**Richard Matthes (Ottawa, ON)**

**December 17, 2018**

#### **Motion Decision**

On December 17, 2018, the Discipline Committee granted the College's motion to indefinitely adjourn the discipline hearing of Mr. Matthes in relation to a matter 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. physically abusing a client; and/or
4. 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.

The Panel granted the motion after the College explained that Mr. Matthes had signed an undertaking to resign and never reapply for registration with the College, and that the College could prosecute Mr. Matthes if he were to breach the undertaking. In that undertaking, Mr. Matthes also acknowledged that he was under investigation for two other matters and undertook to post security in the amount of \$10,000.00, 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](#).