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Discipline Summary

John Paul Ackerman (Stittsville, ON)

January 8, 2021

Motion Decision

On January 8, 2021, the Discipline Committee granted a consent motion to indefinitely adjourn the discipline hearing of Mr. John Paul Ackerman, in relation to a matter in which he was alleged to have engaged in the following acts of professional misconduct:

1. sexual abuse of a client, more specifically, touching of a sexual nature and behaviour or remarks of a sexual nature that occurred toward a client; and/or
2. contravening 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, in particular, the Standard on Maintaining Professional Boundaries and Preventing Sexual Abuse and/or the Draping Standard; and/or
3. doing anything to a client for a therapeutic or other health-related purpose in a situation in which consent is required by law, without such a consent; and/or
4. failing to keep records as required; and/or
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.

The Discipline Committee granted the request after it was presented with evidence that Mr. Ackerman had signed [an undertaking](#) to resign and never reapply for registration with the College. Pursuant to that undertaking, the College retains the right to prosecute Mr. Ackerman if he breaches any its terms. Mr. Ackerman also agreed to reimburse the College for funding for therapy and counselling provided for the client under a program required in section 85.7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*. Mr. Ackerman also undertook to post security in the amount of \$8,000.00 to guarantee payment of that funding.

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