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Discipline Hearing Summary

John Radatus (Kitchener, ON)

October 8, 2020

Decision

On October 8, 2020, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. John Radatus committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. was found guilty of an offence that is relevant to his suitability to practise, namely sexual assault;
2. sexually abused a client, more particularly, touching of a sexual nature of the client by the registrant;
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, specifically the Standard for Maintaining Professional Boundaries and Preventing Sexual Abuse;
4. verbally or 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. Radatus 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. Radatus' Certificate of Registration effective immediately.
3. Mr. Radatus is required to reimburse the College for funding provided [for] the client [for therapy or counselling] 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. Radatus is required, within thirty (30) days of the date of the Discipline Committee's order, to post security acceptable to the College in the amount of \$2,250.00 to guarantee payment of any amounts he may be required to reimburse the College under the order in paragraph 3. Any security that has not been used by the College to provide funding to the client shall be returned to Mr. Radatus on March 6, 2025.
5. Mr. Radatus is required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$2,000.00, within twenty (20) months of the date of this order, in twenty (20) monthly payments of \$100.00 each.

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

Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Radatus

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

Mr. Radatus, the panel would like to acknowledge your cooperation in the hearing process. Having said that, the 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 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 other outcome. You have shown a complete disregard for the public and your client. 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.