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Discipline Hearing Summary

Shawn Boycott (Windsor, ON)

March 30, 2021

Decision

On March 30, 2021, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Shawn Boycott committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. was found guilty of offences that are relevant to his suitability to practise, namely sexual assault;
2. engaged in sexual abuse of clients, more particularly, touching of a sexual nature;
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 clients; 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.

These findings arose out of Mr. Boycott's conduct toward four female clients during Massage Therapy treatments, which led to his criminal convictions on four counts of sexual assault and a sentence of nine months in prison, among other orders.

Penalty Order and Cost Award

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

1. Mr. Boycott 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. Boycott's Certificate of Registration effective immediately.

3. Mr. Boycott is required to reimburse the College for funding provided [for] the [four] clients [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. Boycott is required to post security acceptable to the College in the amount of \$15,000.00 to guarantee payment of any amounts he may be required to reimburse the College under the order in paragraph 3, payable in twenty (20) instalments of \$750.00 each, where \$750.00 will be payable on May 1, 2021 and on the first (1st) of each consecutive month thereafter until the last instalment is paid on January 1, 2023. Any security that has not been used by the College to provide funding under paragraph 3 as of January 11, 2023 will be returned to Mr. Boycott.
5. Mr. Boycott is required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$3,000.00, within one (1) month of the date of this order.

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

Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Boycott

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

The Panel would like to acknowledge your cooperation in arriving at an agreed statement of facts and a joint submission on penalty, which assisted in the process and lessened the burden of time and resources upon the College and the profession. We also appreciate your presence here today.

Having said that, the Panel finds that your conduct was egregious and totally unacceptable for a Registered Massage Therapist and a regulated health professional. You deliberately and knowingly engaged in behaviour that caused significant emotional, psychological, and physical distress to your clients. You put your clients' safety at risk by exploiting your position of trust towards your clients in vulnerable position.

This Panel would like to remind you that being a Registered Massage Therapist is a privilege and not a right. Actions such as yours undermine the public's confidence in the profession and are not and will not be tolerated by the CMTO.

The panel finds that your conduct was egregious and totally unacceptable for a Registered Massage Therapist and a regulated health professional.