

## Discipline Summary

### Mark Rowsell (Richmond Hill, ON)

June 16, 2021

#### Motion Decision

On June 16, 2021, the Discipline Committee granted a request brought by the College and Mr. Rowsell to indefinitely postpone Mr. Rowsell's discipline hearing related to a matter in which he was alleged to have engaged in the following acts of professional misconduct:

1. sexual abuse of a client, through behaviour or remarks of a sexual nature towards a client and/or touching of a sexual nature of the client; and/or
2. contravention of a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, or failure to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession, specifically the Standard for *Maintaining Professional Boundaries and Preventing Sexual Abuse* and/or *Communication/Public Health Standard 7: Consent*; and/or
3. verbal or physical abuse; and/or
4. engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that 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. Rowsell had signed an [undertaking](#) to resign and never reapply for registration with the College. According to that undertaking, the College retains the right to prosecute Mr. Rowsell if he breaches any of its terms. Mr. Rowsell also agreed to reimburse the College for funding for any therapy or counselling provided for the client under the program required in section 85.7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*.

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