



NOTICE OF SURRENDER – Jodi Thompson

By decisions of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee dated November 28, 2014 Ms. Thompson was referred to the Discipline Committee of the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario (the “College”) in relation to two separate investigations the following allegations of professional misconduct:

Investigation 1

1. Sexually abused a client, thereby committing an act or acts of professional misconduct as provided by subsection 51(1)(b.1) of the Code, in that, on or about February 23, 2013, she touched a client in a sexual manner and engaged in behavior or remarks of sexual nature toward the client.
2. Committed an act or acts of professional misconduct, as provided by subsection 51(1)(c) of the Code, as defined in section 26, paragraph 44 of the Ontario Regulation 544/94 as amended, in that she 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, in that she:
 - a. Engaged in sexual touching of and behavior toward a client on or about February 23, 2013;
 - b. Associated her professional designation with the provision of naked “Nuru” massage and other sexual treatments;
 - c. Interfered with an investigation of the College into your practice, including the uttering of threats to a client and demanding that the client misrepresent the treatments performed in 2013; and
 - d. Uttered threats and attempted to extort money from a client in or about May 2014 in respect of treatments performed.
3. Committed an act or acts of professional misconduct, as provided by subsection 51(1)(c) of the Code, as defined in section 26, paragraph 49 of the Ontario Regulation 544/94 as amended, in that she engaged in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by registrants as conduct unbecoming a Massage Therapist, in that she:
 - a. Associated her professional designation with the provision of naked “Nuru” massage and other sexual treatments;
 - b. Uttered threats and attempted to extort money from a client in or about May 2014 in respect of treatments performed.

Investigation 2

1. Committed an act or acts of professional misconduct, as provided by subsection 51(1)(c) of the Code, as defined in section 26, paragraph 25 of the Ontario Regulation 544/94 as amended, in that she failed to cooperate with an authorized representative of the College conducting an examination of her practice in 2013, in that she:
 - a. Provided false and misleading information to College investigators concerning her Massage Therapy practice and offering of Nuru or other massage; and
 - b. Interfered with the investigation of the College into her practice, including the uttering of threats to a client and demanding that the client misrepresent the treatments performed in 2013.

2. Committed an act or acts of professional misconduct, as provided by subsection 51(1)(c) of the Code, as defined in section 26, paragraph 44 of the Ontario Regulation 544/94 as amended, in that she 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, in that she:
 - a. Interfered with an investigation of the College into her practice, including the uttering of threats to a client and demanding that the client misrepresent the treatments performed in 2013; and
 - b. Uttered threats and attempted to extort money from a client in or about May 2014 in respect of treatments performed.

4. Committed an act or acts of professional misconduct, as provided by subsection 51(1)(c) of the Code, as defined in section 26, paragraph 49 of the Ontario Regulation 544/94 as amended, in that she engaged in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by members as conduct unbecoming a Massage Therapist, in that she:
 - a. Uttered threats and attempted to extort money from a client in or about May 2014 in respect of treatments performed.

On January 12, 2015 Ms. Thompson entered into an Undertaking with the College whereby she agreed to surrender her Certificate of Registration and to forever withdraw from the practice of Massage Therapy as a Massage therapist in the province of Ontario, in exchange for the College stay of the discipline proceedings pending any breach of the Undertaking by Ms. Thompson.

A stay of proceedings is a decision by a panel of the Discipline Committee that suspends indefinitely the discipline hearing. A panel of the Discipline Committee can subsequently lift the stay and resume the disciplinary proceedings in the event there is a breach of any of the terms as set out below.

Ms. Thompson agreed to:

1. Surrender her Certificate of Registration with the College;
2. Refrain from practising and holding herself out as a Registered Massage Therapist, anywhere in the Province of Ontario;
3. To refrain now, and in the future, at any time, from engaging in the practise of massage therapy or holding herself out as a Massage Therapist, either personally or in advertising, anywhere in the Province of Ontario;
4. To refrain now, and in the future, from applying for the reinstatement of her Certificate of Registration with the College.