

College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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Discipline Hearing Summary

Zaisheng Ling, RMT (Toronto, ON), March 21, 2018

Decision

On March 21, 2018, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Zaisheng Ling, a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

- 1. sexually abused a client;
- 2. contravened a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published standard of CMTO, or failed to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession; and
- 3. 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. Ling was reprimanded by a Panel of the Discipline Committee. The fact of the reprimand and the text of the reprimand is to appear on the public register. (The reprimand can be read below.)
- 2. The Registrar was directed to revoke Mr. Ling's Certificate of Registration effective immediately.
- 3. Mr. Ling was required to reimburse the College for funding for therapy and counselling provided to the clients. Mr. Ling was required to post security in the amount of \$16,060.00 to guarantee payment for this funding.
- 4. Mr. Ling was required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$16,500.00 within six (6) months of the date of this order.

The complete Decision and Reasons will be available online on the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII) <u>website</u>.

Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Ling

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

Mr. Ling, you have repeatedly shown a complete disregard for the public, your clients and your College. 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.