

College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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Discipline Hearing Summary

Stefan Stefanov, RMT (Toronto, ON), April 3, 2018

Decision

On April 3, 2018, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Stefanov, 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;
- 3. physically abused a client;
- 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; and
- 5. engaged in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by registrants as conduct unbecoming a Massage Therapist.

Penalty Order and Cost Award

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

- 1. Mr. Stefanov was required to appear before a Panel of the Discipline Committee within thirty (30) days of the date of the Panel's order 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 was directed to revoke Mr. Stefanov's Certificate of Registration effective immediately.
- 3. Mr. Stefanov was required to reimburse the College for funding for therapy and counselling provided to the client.

The complete Decision and Reasons will be available online on the Canadian Legal Information

Institute (CanLII) website.

Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Stefanov

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

Mr. Stefanov, you have already been found to have engaged in sexual abuse of a client. After receiving a complaint and a Notice of Hearing, alleging sexual abuse of one client, you abused another client. Your continued egregious behaviour and disregard for the safety of your clients, and the public as a whole, is disturbing.

The abuse in this case has profoundly impacted the client in multiple ways. You have continuously breached the trust of your clients and the public at large. The Panel is confident that the public is safer not having you as a Regulated Health Professional.