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Discipline Hearing Summary

Saltanat Rahimi, RMT (Vaughan, ON), May 10, 2018

Decision

On May 11, 2018, the Discipline Committee found that Ms. Saltanat Rahimi, a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), committed acts of professional misconduct in that she:

1. 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;
2. 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. Ms. Rahimi was required to appear before a Panel of the Discipline Committee immediately following the hearing to be reprimanded, with the fact of the reprimand and the text of the reprimand to appear on the public register of the College. (The reprimand can be read below.)
2. The Registrar was directed to suspend Ms. Rahimi's Certificate of Registration for a period of four (4) months from the date of the hearing.
3. The Registrar was directed to impose the following specified terms, conditions and limitations on Ms. Rahimi's Certificate of Registration:
 - a. Within five (5) months of the date of the Discipline Hearing, Ms. Rahimi is required to complete the College's Professionalism Workshop, which is to be taken at her own expense;
 - b. Within five (5) months of the date of the Discipline Hearing, Ms. Rahimi is required to complete the College's Standards and Regulations E-Workshop, which is to be taken at her own expense;

4. Ms. Rahimi was required to pay the College costs in the amount of \$2,000.00 within six (6) months of the date of the Discipline Hearing.

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

Reprimand Delivered to Ms. Rahimi

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

The Panel would like to acknowledge the respect you've shown for the process and for your presence here today. That being said, the Panel finds your conduct was simply unacceptable of a regulated health professional.

You failed to address the concerns that your patient was raising with you in any meaningful way. As a regulated health professional, you are expected to always put the care of your patient as your first priority. This means, that at a minimum, you ought to have met with your patient to address her concerns. Instead you chose not to meet with her and spoke to her ex-husband about her private health information. You then went on to continually refer to your patient in an unprofessional manner during the investigation with the College and called her character into question.

This Panel would like to remind you that being a Registered Massage Therapist is a privilege and not a right. It is our expectation that you will learn from your experience and from your ordered course work, and that when you return to practice you will recommit yourself to upholding the highest professional standards.