

# College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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### **Discipline Hearing Summary**

# Julia Elliott, RMT (Mississauga, ON), May 16, 2018

#### **Decision**

On May 16, 2018, the Discipline Committee found that Ms. Julia Elliott, a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), committed acts of professional misconduct in that she:

- 1. sexually abused a client;
- 2. contravened a standard of practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, or failed to maintain the standard of practice of the profession;
- 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; and
- 4. engaging in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by registrants as conduct unbecoming a Massage Therapist.

#### **Penalty and Cost Award**

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

- 1. Ms. Elliott 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 a summary of the reprimand to appear on the public register of the College.
- 2. The Registrar was directed to revoke Ms. Elliott's Certificate of Registration effective immediately.
- 3. Ms. Elliott was required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$500.00 within twelve (12) months of the date of the Discipline hearing.

### **Reprimand Delivered to Ms. Elliott:**

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

Ms. Elliott, the Panel would like to acknowledge the respect you have shown for this process and for your attendance today. The Panel appreciates the comments by the College counsel on your cooperation and professionalism during this process.

The Panel is bound by the legislation, which clearly states engaging in a sexual relationship with a client will result in mandatory revocation. It is unfortunate that a poor judgment decision must result in the most serious of consequences.