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Discipline Hearing Summary

Abdulaziz Albekairi (Toronto, ON)

December 17, 2018

Decision

On December 17, 2018, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Albekairi, a Registered Massage Therapist, committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. was found guilty of an offence relevant to the registrant's suitability to practise;
2. sexually abused a client;
3. 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;
4. physically abused a client;
5. 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. Albekairi is required to appear before a Panel of the Discipline Committee immediately following the hearing of this matter 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 is directed to revoke Mr. Albekairi's Certificate of Registration effective immediately;
3. Mr. Albekairi is required to reimburse the College for funding [for therapy and counselling] provided to Client #1 and #2 under the program required under section 85.7 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code* being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated*

Health Professions Act, 1991;

4. Mr. Albekairi is required to post security acceptable to the College in the amount of \$5,200.00, payable at a rate of \$100.00 every two (2) weeks commencing January 14, 2019, to guarantee the payment of any amounts he may be required to reimburse the College under the order in paragraph 3;
5. Mr. Albekairi is required to pay the College costs in the amount of \$1,500.00, payable at a rate of \$62.50 every month, commencing January 1, 2019.

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

Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Albekairi:

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

Mr. Albekairi, as you are aware, the College has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse of [clients]. This is derived from *the Regulated Health Professions Act* and is reflected in the mandatory revocation and reprimand ordered in your penalty today. Despite the mandatory nature of your penalty, this Panel would not have been satisfied with any other outcome given the nature of the findings and the facts that support those findings. The College does not tolerate the sexual abuse of [clients].

The Panel is extremely concerned with the conduct you have displayed. Your actions demonstrate an abysmal lack of professionalism. The assault and sexual assault and criminal convictions have a direct impact on your suitability to practise. [Clients] are oftentimes vulnerable and actions such as yours put the public at risk. We are extremely disappointed in your lack of professional judgement. Being a regulated health professional is a privilege and not a right.