

## College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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## **Discipline Hearing Summary**

Hilary King (Midhurst, ON)

January 14 - 17, 2020

## Decision

On January 17, 2020, the Discipline Committee found that Ms. King, a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), committed acts of professional misconduct in that she:

- 1. sexually abused a client (the panel made a finding that Ms. King engaged in a concurrent treating and sexual relationship with a client);
- 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. falsified a record relating to her practice;
- 4. signed or issued, in her professional capacity, a document that she knew contained a false or misleading statement;
- submitted an account or charge for services that she knew was false or misleading;
- 6. failed to keep records as required;
- 7. failed to take reasonable steps to ensure that any information provided by her to the College was accurate;
- 8. 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
- 9. engaged in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by registrants as conduct unbecoming a Massage Therapist.

## **Penalty Order and Cost Award**

On January 21, 2020, the Discipline Committee made the following order on penalty and costs:

1. Ms. King is required to appear before a panel of the Discipline Committee within ninety

- (90) days of the date of this 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 is directed to revoke Ms. King's Certificate of Registration effective immediately;
- 3. Ms. King is required to reimburse the College for funding [for therapy and counselling] provided [for] the client under the program required in section 85.7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act,* 1991; and
- 4. Ms. King is required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$45,000.00 within thirty (30) days 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>.