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Discipline Hearing Summary

Basem Al-Shamlah (Ottawa, ON)

May 15, 16, October 15, 2019; July 13, and September 14, 2020

Decision

On February 28, 2020, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Al-Shamlah 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 the College, or failed to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession;
3. physically abused a client; and
4. 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

On November 30, 2020, the Discipline Committee made the following penalty and costs order:

1. Mr. Al-Shamlah is required to appear before a panel of the Discipline Committee 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. Al-Shamlah's Certificate of Registration, effective immediately.
3. Mr. Al-Shamlah is required to reimburse the College for funding provided [for] the client [for therapy or counselling] 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. Al-Shamlah is required, within thirty (30) days of the date of the Discipline Committee's order, to post security acceptable to the College in the amount of \$3,000.00 to guarantee payment of any amounts he may be required to reimburse the College under the order in paragraph 3.
5. Mr. Al-Shamlah is required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$65,407.12, within eight (8) years of the date of this order, in ninety-five (95) equal monthly payments of \$681.32, and a final ninety-sixth (96th) payment of \$681.72.

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