

Discipline Hearing Summary

Scott Brown (St. Catharines, ON)

September 15, 2020 and February 2, 2021

Decision

On November 16, 2020, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Brown committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. sexually abused a client; more specifically, engaged in touching of a sexual nature and behaviour or remarks of a sexual nature that occurred toward the client;
2. contravened a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, in particular *Communication/Public Health Standard 7: Consent* and *Communication/Public Health Standard 12: Draping*; and 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.

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

Penalty Order and Cost Award

On February 2, 2021, the Discipline Committee made the following penalty and costs order:

1. Mr. Brown 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. Brown's Certificate of Registration, effective immediately.

3. Mr. Brown 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 Scheduled 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*.
4. Mr. Brown is required, within one (1) month of the date of this order, to post security acceptable to the College in the amount of \$17,370.00 to guarantee the payment of any amounts he may be required to reimburse the College under the order in paragraph three (3) above.
5. Mr. Brown is required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$18,600.00, within one (1) month of the date of this order.

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