



## College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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### **Discipline Hearing Summary**

#### **Chris King (Etobicoke, ON)**

**May 31, July 9, 10, 2018 and March 2, 2021**

#### **Decision**

On July 15, 2020, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. King committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. 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; and
2. 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 Costs Award**

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

1. Mr. King 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 impose the following term, condition and limitation on Mr. King's Certificate of Registration:
  - a. Within three (3) months of the date of this order, Mr. King must provide proof, acceptable to the Registrar, of successful completion of the College's Record Keeping E-Workshop, which is to be taken at his own expense.
3. Mr. King is required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$1,500.00, payable in twelve (12) monthly instalments of \$125.00 starting one (1) month after the date of this order and continuing every month until paid in full.

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

### **Reprimand Delivered to Mr. King**

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

The panel would like to acknowledge the cooperation that you have demonstrated by entering into a joint submission on penalty and costs and for your presence here today.

The panel is cognizant of the fact that you did not keep records because you believed there was no client-therapist relationship when you treated a colleague. However, as a Registered Massage Therapist, you are required to be aware of your obligations under the *Massage Therapy Act, 1991* and the Standards of Practice of the profession, which require you to keep records for any person you treat.

Providing health care to a person without documenting their health history or their treatment interferes with the client's continuum of care but also places the client at risk because other health care providers do not have any knowledge of the treatments you provided. Equally important, you may not have the information you need to properly provide safe care.

The panel hopes that with the completion of the record-keeping course you will gain knowledge in this area and be able to provide safe and ethical care for members of the public in the future.