



## College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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### Discipline Hearing Summary

#### Lemar Jaraar (Brampton, ON)

**March 31, 2021**

#### Decision

On March 31, 2021, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Lemar Jaraar committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. was found guilty of an offence that was relevant to his suitability to practise, namely sexual assault;
2. engaged in sexual abuse of a client, more particularly, touching of a sexual nature of 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, specifically the *Standard for Maintaining Professional Boundaries and Preventing Sexual Abuse*;
4. physically abused a client; and
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.

These findings arose out of Mr. Jaraar's conduct towards a client during a Massage Therapy treatment, which led to his criminal conviction of sexual assault and a nine-month conditional sentence, among other orders.

#### Penalty Order and Cost Award

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

1. Mr. Jaraar 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. Jaraar's Certificate of Registration immediately.

3. Mr. Jaraar 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. Jaraar is required to, within one (1) month of the date of this order, post security acceptable to the College in the amount of \$8,000.00 to guarantee the payment of any amounts he may be required to reimburse the College under the order in paragraph 3 above.
5. Mr. Jaraar is required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$12,700.00, within three (3) months of the date of this order.

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