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Discipline Hearing Summary

Vladimir Savvateikin (Mississauga, ON)

June 18, 2021

Decision

On June 18, 2021, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Vladimir Savvateikin committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. was found guilty of an offence that is relevant to his suitability to practice, namely sexual assault;
2. sexually abused a client, through touching and behaviour of a sexual nature of the client;
3. contravened a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, in particular, *Standard 7: Consent* and *Standard 12: Draping*, or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession;
4. physically abused a client; and
5. engaged in conduct or performed an act relevant to the practice of the profession that would reasonably be regarded by registrants as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.

These findings arose out of Mr. Savvateikin's conduct towards a client during a Massage Therapy treatment in 2017. Mr. Savvateikin was subsequently convicted of sexual assault in relation to that conduct and sentenced to ninety (90) days in custody, followed by twelve (12) months of probation.

Penalty Order and Cost Award

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

1. Mr. Savvateikin is required to appear before a panel of the Discipline Committee immediately following the hearing to be reprimanded, with the fact of the reprimand and the text of the reprimand to appear on the College's public register.

2. The Registrar is directed to revoke Mr. Savvateikin's Certificate of Registration effective immediately.
3. Mr. Savvateikin 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. Savvateikin is required to pay the College costs in the amount of \$3,000.00, payable in twelve (12) monthly installments of \$250.00 each, beginning on the first (1st) of the month following the date of this order, and payable on the first (1st) of each consecutive month thereafter until the amount is paid in full.

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

Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Savvateikin

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

Mr. Savvateikin, the panel would like to acknowledge your cooperation in arriving at an Agreed Statement of Facts and a Joint Submission on Penalty, which assisted in the process and lessened the burden of time and resources upon the College and the profession. We also appreciate your presence here today.

Having said that, the panel finds that your conduct was totally unacceptable for a Registered Massage Therapist and a regulated health professional. You engaged in behaviour that violated the physical integrity of your [client]. You exploited your position of trust toward your [client] while they were in a vulnerable position. The panel would like to remind you that being a Registered Massage Therapist and a member of this profession is a privilege and not a right. Actions such as yours undermine the public's confidence in this profession and are not and will not be tolerated by the CMTO.