

# College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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# Discipline Hearing Summary – Cristina Edwards, RMT (Barrie, ON)

# August 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2016, October 5 and 6, 2016, and October 30, 2017

#### Decision

On August 28, 2017, the Discipline Committee found that Ms. Edwards, a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), committed acts of professional misconduct in that she:

- 1. Sexually abused a client; and
- 2. Engaged in conduct or performed an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all of the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by registrants as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.

### **Penalty Order and Cost Award Imposed**

By way of decision dated October 30, 2017, the Discipline Committee made the following order:

- Ms. Edwards 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 a summary of the reprimand to appear on the public register of the College.
- 2. The Registrar is directed to revoke Ms. Edwards' Certificate of Registration, effective immediately.
- 3. Ms. Edwards is required to pay to the College costs in the amount of \$15,000.00 within five (5) years of the date of the Discipline Committee's Order, payable to the College in equal monthly payments of \$250.00.

The complete <u>Decision and Reasons</u> is available online on the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII) website, as is the <u>Penalty Decision and Reasons</u>.