

College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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Discipline Hearing Summary – Laura Brien (Toronto, ON) August 18, 2017 and September 26, 2017

Decision

On September 26, 2017, the Discipline Committee found that Ms. Brien, who was previously a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), committed acts of professional misconduct in that she:

- 1. Practised while suspended, contrary to Section 26, Paragraph 13 of Ontario Regulation 544/94, as amended;
- 2. Failed to keep records as required, contrary to Section 26, Paragraph 26 of Ontario Regulation 544/94, as amended;
- 3. Signed or issued, in the member's professional capacity, a document that the member knew contained a false or misleading statement, contrary to Section 26, Paragraph 29 of Ontario Regulation 544/94, as amended;
- 4. Contravened the *Massage Therapy Act*, the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, 1991, or the regulations under either of those *Acts*, contrary to Section 26, Paragraph 41 of Ontario Regulation 544/94, as amended; 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 members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional, contrary to Section 26, Paragraph 44 of Ontario Regulation 544/94, as amended.

Penalty Order and Cost Award Imposed

The Discipline Committee made the following order:

- 1. Ms. Brien 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. Brien's Certificate of Registration effective immediately; and
- 3. Ms. Brien is required to the pay the College costs in the amount of \$20,000.00 immediately.

The complete Decision and Reasons is available online on the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII) website.