



## College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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### **Discipline Hearing Summary**

#### **Dikran Masrob, RMT (Toronto, ON) March 19, 2018**

##### **Decision**

On March 19, 2018, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Dikran Masrob, a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. has been found guilty of an offence, namely sexual assault, that is relevant to his suitability to practise;
2. sexually abused a client;
3. contravened a Standard of Practice of the profession;
4. physically abused a client;
5. engaged in conduct or performed an act, relevant to the practise of the profession, that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by registrants as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional; and
6. engaged in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by registrants as conduct unbecoming of a Massage Therapist.

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

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

1. Mr. Masrob was reprimanded by a Panel of the Discipline Committee. The fact of the reprimand and the text of the reprimand is to appear on the public register. (The reprimand can be read below.)
2. Mr. Masrob's Certificate of Registration was revoked.
3. Mr. Masrob was required to reimburse CMTO for funding provided for therapy and counselling to the clients that he sexually abused under the College's program as set out in section 85.7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code being Schedule 2 to the

*Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*. Mr. Masrob was required to post security in the amount of \$16,060.00 for this funding.

4. Mr. Masrob was required to pay to the CMTO costs in the amount of \$10,500.00.

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

### **Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Masrob**

The following reprimand was delivered by the Chair of the Panel of the Discipline Committee:

Mr. Masrob, your conduct was egregious and represents the very worst sort of behaviour from a regulated health professional. As part of this Panel's findings, your behaviour was deemed as disgraceful, dishonourable, and unprofessional. We can find no better description for your conduct. Furthermore, your failure to appear for both your pre-hearing and hearing showed an outrageous lack of respect for this College and the process put in place by the people of Ontario.

When a person enjoys the privilege of being licensed by a Regulatory Health College in Ontario, they enter into a relationship of trust. You have violated that trust. This consequence of this breach of trust was eloquently addressed by Justice Marshall in the decision on your criminal matter:

This is one of the harsh realities of the consequences of breach of trust between people offering personal or medical services to patients and the consequences of a breach of that trust. It's not simply that the patient is disappointed by the conduct of their caregiver. It affects their confidence to assess and judge anyone else who might approach them and thereby interferes with them freely and helpfully obtaining the medical assistance they require.

Your violation of trust has undermined the public's confidence in this profession and placed an unnecessary burden on your former colleagues, as well as doubt in the minds of the public as to whether this College can effectively govern its members and protect the people of Ontario.

The revocation of your license to practice Massage Therapy is the inevitable consequence of your reprehensible actions. This will serve to remove the possibility that another innocent member of the public will be victimized by you and it is the hope of this Panel that our decision will be a step towards repairing the damage you have caused to the complainant, the public at large, and the profession.