



College of
Massage
Therapists of
Ontario

NOTICE OF SURRENDER - Lee-Anne Widawski

By decision of a panel of the Inquiries, Reports and Complaints Committee dated August 21, 2009 Ms. Widawski was referred to the Discipline Committee in relation to the following allegations of professional misconduct stemming from a complaint received by the College from her client, A.C.:

1. Sexual abuse of a patient, A.C. thereby committing an act of professional misconduct under clause 51(1)(b.1) of the Regulated Health Professions Procedural Code;
2. Engaging in conduct or performing 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 pursuant to paragraph 44 of section 26 of Ontario Regulation 544/94, as amended (the "Professional Misconduct Regulation"); and
3. Engaging in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by members as conduct unbecoming a massage therapist contrary to paragraph 49 of section 26 of the Professional Misconduct Regulation.

On May 31, 2010, Ms. Widawski entered into an Undertaking with the College whereby she agreed to surrender her Certificate of Registration and to forever withdraw from the practice of massage therapy as a massage therapist in the province of Ontario, or elsewhere in Canada and the United States, in lieu of the College staying the discipline proceedings in relation to the allegations outlined above. Ms. Widawski also admitted to an Agreed Statement of Facts in respect of this matter which set out facts she acknowledged would amount to the specified allegations of professional misconduct as alleged.

The specific terms of the Undertaking to which Ms Widawski has agreed, include:

1. Surrender her Certificate of Registration with the College
2. Refrain from practising and/or holding herself out as a registered and /or regulated massage therapist anywhere in Canada;
3. Refrain from applying for the reinstatement of her Certificate of Registration with the College, or from applying for registration with any other licensing body governing the practice of massage therapy in any other jurisdiction within Canada and the United States; and
4. The terms of the Undertaking/Agreement with the College will be published in the College's routine publications.