

College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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Discipline Hearing Summary

Yucong Jing (Thornhill, ON)

February 17, 2022

Decision

On February 17, 2022, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Jing committed the following acts of professional misconduct:

- 1. contravened a standard of practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, or failed to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, in particular, the Standard for *Maintaining Professional Boundaries and Preventing Sexual Abuse* and/or *Communication/Public Health Standard 7: Consent;*
- 2. treated a client without consent, where consent was required by law; and
- 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 registrants as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.

Mr. Jing admitted that, on two different occasions, he massaged a client's gluteal region without obtaining the client's consent.

Penalty Order and Cost Award

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

- 1. Mr. Jing must appear before a panel of the Discipline Committee following the hearing of this matter 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 suspend Mr. Jing's Certificate of Registration for at least one (1) month, to begin on the date of the order.
- 3. The Registrar is directed to impose the following terms, conditions or limitations on Mr. Jing's Certificate of Registration:
 - a) Within six (6) months of the date of this order, Mr. Jing must provide

proof, acceptable to the Registrar, of successful completion of the PROBE Ethics and Boundaries course, which is to be taken at Mr. Jing's own expense.

4. Mr. Jing must pay to the College costs of \$3475.00, which can be made in twelve (12) monthly installments, with the first payment beginning on March 17, 2022 in the amount of \$289.62 and thereafter, in eleven (11) equal monthly installments of \$289.58.

The complete Decision and Reasons will be available on the <u>Canadian Legal Information Institute</u> (<u>CanLII</u>) website.

Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Jing

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

Mr. Jing, the panel thanks you for the cooperation you've displayed in reaching a resolution in this case. However, your conduct demonstrated a complete lack of professional judgment. You failed to uphold the Standards of Practice, and in doing so, you made your client uncomfortable.

Communication and consent are cornerstones of the profession and are critical to ensuring the safety of the public. We trust that you will reflect on this experience and on your coursework, as assigned, and that when you return to practice, you will recommit yourself to upholding the standards.