

Discipline Summary

Vraj Kumar Patel (Hamilton, ON)

March 11, 2022

Motion Decision

On March 11, 2022, the Discipline Committee granted a request brought by the College and Mr. Patel to indefinitely postpone Mr. Patel's discipline hearing. The hearing related to a matter in which it was alleged that Mr. Patel engaged in the following acts of professional misconduct:

1. sexual abuse of a client, more specifically touching of a sexual nature of the client by the registrant and/or behaviour or remarks of a sexual nature by the registrant towards a client; and/or
2. contravening a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, or failure to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession, in particular the Standard for *Maintaining Professional Boundaries and Preventing Sexual Abuse*; and/or
3. abusing a client, verbally or physically; and/or
4. 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 registrants as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.

The Discipline Committee granted the request after it was presented with evidence that Mr. Patel signed an [undertaking](#) to resign and never reapply for registration with the College. According to that undertaking, the College retains the right to prosecute Mr. Patel if he breaches any of its terms. Mr. Patel also agreed to reimburse the College for funding for any therapy or counselling provided to the client under the program required in section 85.7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code¹. He also agreed to post \$6,000.00 in security to guarantee payment.

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

¹ This is Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*.