

## College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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## Discipline Summary Shawn Wallace (Wasaga Beach, ON)

## January 28, 2022

## **Motion Decision**

On January 28, 2022, the Discipline Committee granted a request brought by the College and Mr. Wallace to indefinitely postpone Mr. Wallace's discipline hearings. The hearings related to three (3) matters in which it was alleged that Mr. Wallace engaged in the following acts of professional misconduct:

- 1. sexual abuse of a client, specifically behaviour or remarks of a sexual nature by the registrant towards a client;
- contravention of 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 Communication/Public Health Standard 12: Draping;
- 3. verbal or physical abuse;
- 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; and/or
- 5. engaging in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by registrants as conduct unbecoming a Massage Therapist.

The Discipline Committee granted the request after it was presented with evidence that Mr. Wallace signed an <u>undertaking</u> to resign and never reapply for registration with the College. According to that undertaking, the College retains the right to prosecute Mr. Wallace if he ever reapplies for registration or breaches any of the other terms of the undertaking. Mr. Wallace also agreed to reimburse the College for any funding provided for therapy and counselling to the four clients involved in these matters.

The complete Decisions and Reasons are available online on the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII) <u>website</u>.

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