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Discipline Summary

Weijia Xie (Markham, ON)

March 11, 2022

Motion Decision

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

- 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 the client; and/or
- contravening a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, or failing to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession, in particular, the Standard for Maintaining Professional Boundaries and Preventing Sexual Abuse, and/or the Draping Standard, and/or Communication/Public Health Standard 7: Consent; and/or
- 3. doing anything to a client for a therapeutic purpose in a situation in which consent is required by law, without such consent; and/or
- physical or verbal abuse; and/or
- using a name other than the registrant's name as set out in the register in the course of providing or offering to provide services within the scope of practice of Massage Therapy; and/or
- 6. failing to keep records as required; and/or
- 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. Xie 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. Xie if he breaches any of its terms. Mr. Xie also agreed to reimburse the College for funding for any therapy or counselling provided to the client under the program required in section

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85.7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code¹. He also agreed to post \$5,000.00 in security to guarantee payment.

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

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