

Discipline Hearing Summary

Nathaniel Porter-Gowan (Collingwood, ON)

August 16, 2022

Decision

On August 16, 2022, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Porter-Gowan engaged in acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. was found guilty of an offence that was relevant to his suitability to practise, specifically sexual assault, contrary to section 271 of the *Criminal Code of Canada*;
2. sexually abused a client, more particularly, touching of a sexual nature of the client by the registrant;
3. contravened a standard or a published Standard of Practice of the profession, or failed to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession, in particular, the Standard for *Maintaining Professional Boundaries and Preventing Sexual Abuse*;
4. physically abused a client; and
5. 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. Porter-Gowan was given notice of the hearing but did not attend. The hearing proceeded in his absence. The findings of professional misconduct arose out of Mr. Porter-Gowan's conduct toward a client during a Massage Therapy treatment in 2019, which led to his criminal conviction of sexual assault.

Penalty Order and Costs Award

The Discipline Committee issued the following order:

1. Mr. Porter-Gowan is required to appear before a panel of the Discipline Committee to be reprimanded within sixty (60) days of the date of the order, 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 revoke Mr. Porter-Gowan's Certificate of Registration.
3. Mr. Porter-Gowan is required to reimburse the College for funding provided for the client under the program required under *Section 85.7* of the *Code*.
4. Mr. Porter-Gowan is required to post security in the amount of \$5,000.00 to guarantee payments of any amount he is required to pay under paragraph 3, within thirty (30) days of the date of the order.
5. Mr. Porter-Gowan is required to pay the College costs in the amount of \$6,950.00, within one (1) month of the order.

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