



## College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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### **Discipline Hearing Summary**

#### **Yunnan Wang (Markham, ON)**

**September 21, 2022**

#### **Decision**

On September 21, 2022, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Wang engaged in acts of professional misconduct by:

1. failing to cooperate with the Quality Assurance Committee or any assessor appointed by that Committee;
2. failing to reply appropriately or within a reasonable time to a written inquiry made by the College that requested a response;
3. engaging in conduct 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
4. engaging in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by registrants as conduct unbecoming a Massage Therapist.

Mr. Wang admitted that he did not comply with requirements of the Quality Assurance Program when he failed to complete the 2019 STRiVE requirements by the deadline, despite being granted multiple extensions. Mr. Wang also failed to participate in a mandatory practice assessment and did not respond to numerous College communications.

#### **Penalty Order and Costs Award**

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

1. Mr. Wang must appear before a panel of the Discipline Committee immediately 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. Wang's Certificate of Registration for at least two (2) months, to begin on the date of this order and continuing for two (2) months, or

until he complies with the provisions outlined in paragraphs 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c) below, whichever is longer.

3. The Registrar is directed to impose the following terms, conditions or limitations on Mr. Wang's Certificate of Registration:
  - a) Mr. Wang must pay all outstanding fees owed to the College to reinstate his Certificate of Registration.
  - b) Mr. Wang must successfully complete his outstanding 2019 STRiVE requirements.
  - c) Mr. Wang must provide proof, acceptable to the Registrar, of successful completion of an individualized ethics course with a course provider approved by the College regarding the issues raised in this case, which is to be taken at his own expense.
  - d) Mr. Wang must respond to all future communications from the College within fifteen (15) days.
  - e) For each calendar year, Mr. Wang must provide the College proof of completion of all STRiVE or other Quality Assurance Program requirements by November 30, or the stipulated deadline for the completion of STRiVE, or the Quality Assurance Program, if different.
4. Mr. Wang must pay the College costs in the amount of \$3,475.00, which can be made in eleven (11) monthly instalments of \$289.00 and one (1) final installment of \$296.00, with the first payment starting one (1) month from the date of this order.

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

### **Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Wang**

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

Mr. Wang, the panel would like to acknowledge your cooperation in arriving at an Agreed Statement of Facts and a Joint Submission on Penalty, which assisted in the process and lessened the burden of time and resources upon the College and the profession. We also appreciate your presence here today.

Having said that, the panel finds that your conduct was unacceptable for a Registered Massage Therapist and a regulated health professional. It is extremely important that members of the profession remain responsive and accountable to their regulatory body.

With this penalty, members will be reminded that failing to participate in the Quality Assurance Program is considered [unprofessional] conduct and is [subject] to disciplinary consequences.

The panel encourages you to reflect on this and recommit yourself to upholding your professional responsibilities.