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Discipline Hearing Summary

Sarah Bennett (Brockville, ON)

October 18, 2022

Decision

On October 18, 2022, the Discipline Committee found that Ms. Bennett engaged in acts of professional misconduct in that she:

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

Ms. Bennett was given notice of the hearing but did not attend. The hearing proceeded in her absence. The findings of professional misconduct arose from Ms. Bennett's failure to comply with the requirements of the Quality Assurance Program when she failed to complete the 2020 STRIVE requirements by the deadline, despite being offered assistance and granted extensions. Ms. Bennett also failed to participate in a mandatory practice assessment following her failure to complete STRIVE and she failed to respond to numerous College communications.

Penalty Order and Costs Award

The Discipline Committee issued the following order:

- 1. The Registrar is directed to revoke Ms. Bennett's Certificate of Registration, effective immediately.
- 2. Ms. Bennett must pay the College costs in the amount of \$6,950.00, within thirty (30) days of the date of the order.

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