

College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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Discipline Hearing Summary

Fernando Vigon-Campuzano (Etobicoke, ON)

February 8, 2023

Decision

On February 8, 2023, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Vigon-Campuzano engaged in the following acts of professional misconduct:

- 1. was found guilty of an offence that was relevant to his suitability to practise (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 a client;
- 3. contravened a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published Standard of the College, in particular *Standard 7: Consent*, and failed to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession;
- 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. Vigon-Campuzano was given notice of the hearing but did not attend and the hearing proceeded in his absence. The findings of professional misconduct arose from Mr. Vigon-Campuzano's conduct toward a client during a Massage Therapy treatment in 2016, which led to his criminal conviction for sexual assault.

Penalty Order and Cost Award

The Discipline Committee issued the following order:

1. Mr. Vigon-Campuzano must appear before a panel of the Discipline Committee 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 revoke Mr. Vigon-Campuzano's Certificate of Registration, effective February 8, 2023.
- 3. Mr. Vigon-Campuzano must reimburse the College for funding provided to the client [for therapy or counselling] under the program required under section 85.7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code.¹
- 4. Mr. Vigon-Campuzano must, within one month of February 8, 2023, post security acceptable to the College in the amount of \$8,000 to guarantee the payment of any amounts he may be required to reimburse the College under the order in paragraph 3 above.
- 5. Mr. Vigon-Campuzano must pay the College costs in the amount of \$8,778 within one month of February 8, 2023.

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

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¹ Schedule 2 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991.*