

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE COLLEGE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO**  
**PRACTICE DIRECTION ON THE**  
**HEALTH PROFESSIONS DISCIPLINE TRIBUNALS PILOT**

Effective March 1, 2023, the College is participating in the Ontario Health Professions Discipline Tribunals Pilot.

The principal aspects of this pilot project are:

- 1) Council has appointed six new members to the Discipline Committee who are trained as lawyers and have extensive experience as adjudicators. They are members of the Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal (OPSDT). As part of the pilot, they are also members of the Discipline Committees of the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario (CRPO) and the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario (CASLPO).
- 2) CMTO's Discipline Committee has elected the Chair of the OPSDT as Co-Chair of the Discipline Committee, responsible for the cases in the pilot. He is also the Co-Chair of the Discipline Committee of CASLPO and Chair of the Discipline Committee of CRPO.
- 3) The new Rule 12 of the Discipline Committee Rules sets out case management principles that apply to cases in the pilot and takes effect April 3, 2023.
- 4) The following cases are included in the pilot:
  - (a) Matters that contain a sexual abuse allegation and are referred to the Discipline Committee on or after March 1, 2023; and
  - (b) Matters that contain a sexual abuse allegation, were referred to the Discipline Committee before March 1, 2023, and have had no pre-hearing conference or hearing activity since the referral.
- 5) Case Management Conferences and hearings will be chaired by an experienced adjudicator, without the routine involvement of independent legal counsel.
- 6) When a five-member panel hears a referral, it will consist of two public members of Council, two professional members (at least one of whom is a member of Council) (see s. 38 of the Health Professions Procedural Code) and an experienced adjudicator. Interlocutory and procedural matters may be decided by a single Committee member at the discretion of the Co-Chair, in accordance with s. 4.2 of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*.