

Discipline Hearing Summary

Colin Outram (Toronto, ON)

January 30, 31, February 2 and 3, 2023

Decision

On August 3, 2023, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Outram had engaged in the following acts of professional misconduct:

1. sexually abused a client;
2. contravened a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published Standard of the College, or failed to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession, in particular, the Standard for *Maintaining Professional Boundaries and Preventing Sexual Abuse*; *Communication/Public Health Standard 7: Consent*; and *Communication/Public Health Standard 11: Pre/Post Treatment Protocol*;
3. did anything to a client for therapeutic or other health-related purposes without consent, as required by law;
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.

The conduct occurred at a Massage Therapy appointment in 2020 and included Mr. Outram moving the client's underwear into and out of her gluteal cleft without consent and touching the client's buttocks and inner thighs without consent, which is also required to be in writing before sensitive areas can be treated.

Interim Suspension

Given that the sexual abuse involved touching of a sexual nature of the client's buttocks, the Discipline Committee suspended Mr. Outram's Certificate of Registration pursuant to subsection 51(4.2)(c) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, being Schedule 2 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, S.O., c.18*.

A penalty hearing will be scheduled in the near future and posted on the College [website](#).

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