

# College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

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# **Discipline Summary**

### Andrew Harrison (Barrie, ON)

### October 24, 2023

#### **Motion Decision**

Following a hearing on October 24, 2023, the Discipline Committee granted a request brought by the College and Mr. Harrison to indefinitely adjourn Mr. Harrison's discipline hearing. The hearing related to a matter in which it was alleged that Mr. Harrison engaged in the following acts of misconduct:

- 1. sexual abuse of a client;
- contravening a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published Standard of the College, or failing to maintain the Standards 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 12: Draping;
- 3. did anything to a client for a therapeutic or other health-related purpose without consent, as required by law;
- 4. physical or verbal abuse of a client;
- 5. failure to keep records as required; and/or
- 6. engaging in conduct or performing 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 Discipline Committee granted the request after it was presented with evidence that Mr. Harrison signed an <u>undertaking</u> to resign and never reapply for registration with the College. According to that agreement, the College can re-open the prosecution of this matter if Mr. Harrison reapplies for registration or otherwise breaches any other term of the agreement. Mr. Harrison also agreed to reimburse the College for funding for the client's therapy and post security of \$5,000 to guarantee payment of those funds.

The allegations in this matter remain unproven.

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