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Discipline Hearing Summary

Andrew Prosperi (Markham, ON)

February 21, 2024

Decision

On February 21, 2024, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Prosperi engaged in the following acts of professional misconduct:

1. he was found guilty of an offence relevant to his suitability to practice;
2. sexually abused clients;
3. physically abused clients;
4. contravened a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published Standard of the College, in particular, the Standard for *Maintaining Professional Boundaries and Preventing Sexual Abuse*, or failed to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession; 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. Prosperi was given notice of the written hearing, but he did not participate.

The Discipline Committee's findings relate to Mr. Prosperi's conduct toward three Massage Therapy clients. In 2022, Mr. Prosperi was convicted of sexual assault of those clients, which was an offence relevant to his suitability to practise Massage Therapy. The Committee relied on that same conduct to find that Mr. Prosperi sexually abused the clients by touching them in a sexual manner and making remarks of a sexual nature during their appointments.

Penalty Order and Costs Award

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

1. Mr. Prosperi must appear before a panel of the Discipline Committee to be reprimanded within 30 days of the date of the order, 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 immediately revoke Mr. Prosperi's Certificate of Registration;
3. Mr. Prosperi must reimburse the College for any funding provided to the three clients [for therapy or counselling] under the program required by section 85.7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code¹;
4. Mr. Prosperi must post security in the amount of \$10,000 to guarantee payment of any amounts he may be required to reimburse the College under paragraph 3 above, within 30 days of the date of the order; and
5. Mr. Prosperi must pay the College costs in the amount of \$5,852 within 30 days of the date of the order.

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

¹ Schedule 2 of the [Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991](#).