

Discipline Summary

Ramiz Peygumbari (Milton, ON)

June 27, 2024

Decision

On June 27, 2024, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Peygumbari engaged in the following acts of professional misconduct:

1. sexually abused clients;
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 Standards for *Client-centred Care, Consent, Draping and Physical Privacy, Prevention of Sexual Abuse, Professional Boundaries*, and the Standard for *Maintaining Professional Boundaries and Preventing Sexual Abuse* (September 2017);
3. physically abused a client;
4. failed to keep records as required; 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. Peygumbari was given notice of the hearing, but he did not participate.

The conduct related to two massage therapy appointments in 2019 and 2022. The Discipline Committee found that Mr. Peygumbari touched a client in a sexual manner and made remarks of a sexual nature towards both that client and another. The intimate nature of the touching and the fact that it did not have any treatment purpose led the Discipline Committee to conclude that the touching violated the client's bodily integrity and amounted to physical abuse.

Penalty and Costs Award

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

1. Mr. Peygumbari 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 public register of the College;
2. The Registrar is directed to immediately revoke Mr. Peygumbari's Certificate of Registration;
3. Mr. Peygumbari must reimburse the College for funding that has been and that may in the future be provided to the clients referred to in the Notice of Hearing (PC-10710 & PC-10954) under the program established under section 85.7 of the Code, up to the maximum amount allowable for each client, namely:
 - a) \$17,370 for client 1; and
 - b) \$17,370 for client 2.
4. Mr. Peygumbari must post security in the amount of \$10,000 to guarantee the payment of any amounts he may be required to reimburse the College under paragraph 3 above;
5. Any amount of security provided by Mr. Peygumbari pursuant to paragraph 4 above that has not been used by August 27, 2028 will be returned to Mr. Peygumbari. If at any point in time before August 27, 2028, the College holds security in an amount that exceeds the remaining eligible amount of the clients referred to in paragraph 3, the College will return the excess amount to Mr. Peygumbari; and
6. Mr. Peygumbari is required to pay the College costs in the amount of \$8,778 within 30 days of the date of the order.

The complete decision and reasons are available online on the [Canadian Legal Information Institute \(CanLII\) website](#).