

**Discipline Summary**  
**Coel Findlay (Verona, ON)**  
**January 6, 2026**

**Decision**

On January 6, 2026, the Ontario Massage Therapists Discipline Tribunal (Tribunal) found that Mr. Findlay committed the following acts of professional misconduct:

1. being found guilty of an offence that is relevant to his suitability to practise;
2. sexual abuse of a client;
3. physical abuse of a client;
4. contravention of a standard of practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, or failure to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, in particular *Communication/Public Health Standard 7: Consent; Communication/Public Health Standard 11: Pre/Post Treatment Protocol; Communication/Public Health Standard 12: Draping; and Technique Standard 16: Perform Massage to the Chest Wall*; and
5. 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 members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.

The Tribunal found that Mr. Findlay massaged or touched a client's sensitive areas without consent at three treatments in 2017. He also failed to ensure that draping was secure and that the client's sensitive areas were not exposed. In 2021, Mr. Findlay was found guilty of assault on this client, a conviction for an offence that was relevant to his suitability to practise.

**Penalty and Costs**

The Tribunal made the following order on penalty and costs:

1. Mr. Findlay must appear before a panel of the Tribunal immediately following the hearing of this matter to be reprimanded, with the fact of the reprimand and the text of the reprimand to appear on the public register of the College; and
2. Mr. Findlay must pay the College costs in the amount of \$5,110, which can be paid in 23 monthly installments of \$213 and a final payment of \$211, with the first due on February 6, 2026.

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

### **Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Findlay**

The following reprimand was delivered by a panel of the Tribunal:

The panel would like to acknowledge your cooperation in this process, which has reduced the burden of time and resources on the College and the profession by avoiding the need for a contested hearing.

Having said that, this panel has deep concerns over your conduct, which has resulted in findings that you engaged in sexual abuse of a client, were convicted of an assault on that client, an offence that is relevant to your suitability to practise, and [contravened] several standards of practice.

You took advantage of your authority in an egregious way by sexually abusing your client rather than giving the care you had been entrusted with providing, and this conduct undermines the public's confidence in the profession. In failing to adhere to several standards of practice, you also showed a disregard for your professional obligations as they relate to draping, obtaining consent, and treating sensitive areas.

The College of Massage Therapists of Ontario and this Tribunal have a zero-tolerance policy for the sexual abuse of clients. We hope that the outcome in this matter sends a clear and unequivocal message to the profession that any sexual misconduct in the practice of massage therapy will carry serious consequences and will never be tolerated.