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Discipline Summary

Emily Gail Martin (Chatham, ON)

October 22, 2026

Decision

On October 22, 2026, the Ontario Massage Therapists Discipline Tribunal (Tribunal) heard two matters related to Ms. Martin and found that Ms. Martin committed the following acts of professional misconduct:

1. sexual abuse of a patient;
2. abusing a patient verbally, physically, psychologically or emotionally;
3. contravening a standard of practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, in particular the Standards on *Professional Boundarie*s and *Prevention of Sexual Abuse*;
4. using a name other than the member's name as set out in the register in the course of providing or offering to provide services within the scope of practice of massage therapy;
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 registrants as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional; and
6. engaging in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by registrants as conduct unbecoming a Massage Therapist.

The Tribunal found that Ms. Martin entered into a romantic relationship with a patient, whom she then encouraged to provide misleading information regarding the circumstances of how they met. Ms. Martin also interfered with the College investigation into her conduct. Among other things, she contacted the patient and asked the patient to ask the complainant to withdraw their complaint to the College.

The Tribunal also found that Ms. Martin had used variations of her name that were different from the name set out in the College's public register when providing Massage Therapy services.

Penalty and Costs

The Tribunal made the following order on penalty and costs:

1. Ms. Martin must appear before the panel to be reprimanded immediately following the hearing of this matter, 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 revoke Ms. Martin's Certificate of Registration effective October 22, 2026;

3. Ms. Martin must reimburse the College for funding that has been and that may in the future be provided to the patient referred to in the Notice of Hearing with number PC-11551 under the program established under section 85.7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code, up to $17,940, which is the maximum amount allowable for the patient;

4. Ms. Martin must post security acceptable to the College in the amount of $5,000 to guarantee the payment of any amounts they may be required to reimburse the College under paragraph 3 above, which can be paid in 34 monthly installments of $142 and a final monthly installment of $172, with the first monthly payment due 30 days from October 22, 2026 and every subsequent payment due monthly; and

5. Ms. Martin must pay the College costs in the amount of $5,110, which can be paid in 23 monthly installments of $213 and a final monthly installment of $211, with the first monthly payment due on October 31, 2029, and every subsequent payment due monthly. Any amount of security provided by Ms. Martin pursuant to paragraph 4 above that has not been used by February 3, 2030 will be applied towards the costs she owes. If, after applying the unused security funds towards the costs she owes, a balance remains, these excess funds will be returned to her.

The complete decision and reasons will be available online from the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII).

Reprimand Delivered to Ms. Martin

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

> You are appearing before us having engaged in professional misconduct related to entering into a sexual relationship with a patient. We also found that while providing Massage Therapy services, you used names other than the name set out in the College's public register.
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> As a regulated health care professional, you are required to follow legislative obligations and profession specific standards of practice. By entering into a relationship with a patient, you engaged in the sexual and emotional abuse of a patient and you breached standards addressing professional boundaries and the prevention of sexual abuse, both of which are in place to protect patients.

Your actions demonstrate a complete lack of professional judgement and undermine the public's trust in health care providers. Your actions have also had a lasting impact on the patient's ability and willingness to seek further care. In addition, your efforts to get the complaint withdrawn interfered with the regulatory processes that are in place to ensure patient safety.

Finally, it is important for any regulated health professional to practise using the name set out in their regulator's public register. This is because patients, insurers and other health care providers rely on these registries to verify a professional's identity and ability to practise.

The College of Massage Therapists of Ontario and this Tribunal have zero tolerance for the sexual abuse of patients. This is reflected in the mandatory revocation and reprimand ordered in this case. The panel wishes to remind members of the profession that being a Registered Massage Therapist is a privilege and not a right. Anyone engaging in sexual misconduct will face serious consequences.