

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

B E T W E E N:

COLLEGE OF REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS
AND REGISTERED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO

Applicant

- and -

SANDRA FECHT

Respondent

APPLICATION UNDER section 87 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, being
Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, S.O. 1991, c. 18

MINUTES OF SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario (the “College”) issued a Notice of Application against Sandra Fecht (“Ms. Fecht”) in the Superior Court of Justice, which was assigned the court file number CV-17-573358 (the “Application”), for an order requiring Ms. Fecht to comply with section 30 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, S.O. 1991, c. 18 (the “RHPA”);

AND WHEREAS the College is the regulatory body responsible for governing the psychotherapy profession in Ontario under the RHPA, the *Psychotherapy Act, 2007* and the regulations made under those Acts;

AND WHEREAS Ms. Fecht is not currently a member of the College or of any other regulated health profession in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Ms. Fecht has applied to the College for a certificate of registration, having been engaged in the provision of therapeutic / counselling services in private practice since 1986;

AND WHEREAS the College’s position is that beliefs about Satanic Ritual Abuse (SRA) and

reptilians ought not to be suggested to clients as part of a therapeutic practice;

AND WHEREAS Ms. Fecht denies the allegations set out in the Notice of Application, and the parties wish to resolve this Application without a hearing and without an admission of liability;

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. In exchange for Ms. Fecht agreeing to abide by the terms of these Minutes of Settlement, the College agrees to abandon the Application on a without costs basis.
2. The College will deliver a notice of abandonment under Rule 38.08 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* within 14 days of both parties signing these Minutes of Settlement.
3. Ms. Fecht undertakes not to use the title “psychotherapist”, “registered psychotherapist” or “registered mental health therapist”, a variation or abbreviation or an equivalent in another language, unless Ms. Fecht becomes authorized to do so under a health profession Act named in Schedule 1 of the RHPA.
4. Unless Ms. Fecht becomes a member of the College, Ms. Fecht undertakes not to hold herself out as a person who is qualified to practise in Ontario as a psychotherapist, registered psychotherapist or registered mental health therapist.
5. Prior to commencing any therapeutic services with any client (“Client”), Ms. Fecht shall ensure the Client signs a consent form acknowledging that the Client has made the informed choice to engage Ms. Fecht for therapy services.
6. Ms. Fecht shall keep appropriate treatment records for her Clients.
7. Ms. Fecht shall not treat a person by prayer or spiritual means during any appointment at which she is providing therapy services to her Clients. She further agrees not to discuss her beliefs regarding SRA or reptilians during any appointment at which she is providing therapy services to her Clients and that any discussions pertaining to SRA or reptilians occur only when she is counselling/treating a person by prayer or spiritual means in accordance with the tenets of Ms. Fecht’s religion.
8. The parties agree that these Minutes of Settlement or a summary of these Minutes of Settlement will be posted by the College on the College’s website.
9. Ms. Fecht acknowledges that these Minutes of Settlement may be considered by the Registrar or the College’s Registration Committee (if Ms. Fecht’s application for registration to the College is referred to the Registration Committee) for the purpose of assessing whether Ms. Fecht fulfils the College’s registration requirements.

10. These Minutes of Settlement may be executed in counterparts.

1 August, 2017

[signed original on file at CRPO]

DEBORAH ADAMS
Registrar, College of Registered
Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health
Therapists of Ontario

Witness Signature

Witness Print Name: _____

2/8, 2017

[signed original on file at CRPO]

SANDRA FECHT

Witness Signature

Witness Print Name: _____