

## **Public Notice**

### **Unregulated Practitioners / Holding Out**

February 23, 2018

Kathryn Walsh  
589 Lake Street, Suite #206  
St. Catharines, Ontario, L3N 7L6

The College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario is the regulatory body established by the provincial government to oversee the practice of registered psychotherapists in Ontario. The College is responsible for protecting and serving the public interest by ensuring that members provide high quality, competent and ethical services.

In Ontario, only members of six regulatory colleges<sup>1</sup> may refer to themselves as a psychotherapist or use any abbreviation of the title.

The College has received information suggesting that Kathryn Walsh of St. Catharines, Ontario has been holding herself out as a psychotherapist.

Ms. Walsh is not registered with the College. As such she is prohibited by law from referring to herself as a psychotherapist or using any abbreviation thereof. Clients who receive treatment from Ms. Walsh should not be under the impression that she is a psychotherapist.

The result of a legal proceeding concerning this matter are enclosed on the following pages.

Members of the public are encouraged to visit the College's website at [www.crpo.ca](http://www.crpo.ca) to learn more about the College. The public register, which is available on the College website, will allow you to confirm if an individual is registered with the College.

Should you have any questions with regards to this matter, please contact [complaints@crpo.ca](mailto:complaints@crpo.ca) or 416-479-4330 ext. 108 or 1-844-712-1364 ext. 108.

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<sup>1</sup> College of Nurses of Ontario, College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, College of Psychologists of Ontario, College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario, and Ontario College of Social workers and Social Service Workers.

**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 -

KATHRYN WALSH

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 (the “RHPA”)

**MINUTES OF SETTLEMENT**

**WHEREAS** the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario (the “College”) issued a Notice of Application against Kathryn Walsh (“Ms. Walsh”) in the Superior Court of Justice, which was assigned the court file number CV-17-587362 (the “Application”), for an order requiring Ms. Walsh to comply with section 8 of the *Psychotherapy Act, 2007*, S.O. 2007, c10, Sch R (the “Psychotherapy Act”);

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

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

**AND WHEREAS** the parties wish to resolve this Application without a hearing;

**NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. In exchange for Ms. Walsh agreeing to abide by the terms of these Minutes of Settlement, the College agrees to abandon the Application.
2. The College will deliver a notice of abandonment under Rule 38.08 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* within 14 days of being satisfied that Ms. Walsh has complied with these Minutes of Settlement.
3. Ms. Walsh shall provide the College with a photograph of the business directory located at the main entrance of 589 Lake Street, St. Catharines, Ontario, showing that it does not refer to Ms. Walsh as a “psychotherapist.”
4. Ms. Walsh shall provide the College with her invoice/receipt template, which does not refer to Ms. Walsh as a “psychotherapist.”
5. Ms. Walsh represents that she has destroyed written materials in her possession describing herself as a “psychotherapist.”
6. Ms. Walsh 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. Walsh becomes authorized to do so under Ontario legislation.
7. Unless Ms. Walsh becomes a member of the College, she 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.
8. Ms. Walsh understands that the College may contact her or visit her office to verify whether she is in compliance with the Psychotherapy Act, RHPA and these Minutes of Settlement.
9. Ms. Walsh shall pay the College \$500 (five hundred dollars) for its costs in bringing this Application.
10. 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.
11. Ms. Walsh agrees that she is entering into this agreement voluntarily, and has had the opportunity to seek independent legal advice.
12. Ms. Walsh acknowledges that these Minutes of Settlement may be considered by the Registrar or the College’s Registration Committee (if Ms. Walsh applies for registration with the College).

The signatures below indicate agreement with these Minutes of Settlement.

21 Feb, 2018

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**DEBORAH ADAMS**

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

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Witness Signature

Witness Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 14, 2018

[Signed version on file with College] \_\_\_\_\_

**KATHRYN WALSH**

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Witness Signature

Witness Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_