

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE
COLLEGE OF REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS AND
REGISTERED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO**

BETWEEN:

COLLEGE OF REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS AND
REGISTERED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO

- and -

ELISABETH HARAMIC

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee of the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario (the “College”) has referred specified allegations against Elisabeth Haramic to the Discipline Committee of the College. The allegations were referred in accordance with section 26 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*. The statement of allegations is attached to this notice of hearing. A discipline panel will hold a hearing under the authority of sections 38 to 56 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, as amended, for the purposes of deciding whether the allegations are true. A **pre-hearing conference** may be held at a date and location to be set by the Registrar. A discipline panel will convene at **a location to be set by the Registrar, at 10:00 a.m. on a date to be set by the Registrar**, or as soon thereafter as the panel can be convened, for the purposes of conducting the **discipline hearing**.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND ON THE DATE FOR THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, THE DISCIPLINE PANEL MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THE PROCEEDINGS.

If the discipline panel finds that you have engaged in professional misconduct, it may make one or more of the following orders:

1. Direct the Registrar to revoke the member's certificate of registration.
2. Direct the Registrar to suspend the member's certificate of registration for a specified period of time.
3. Direct the Registrar to impose specified terms, conditions and limitations on the member's certificate of registration for a specified or indefinite period of time.
4. Require the member to appear before the panel to be reprimanded.
5. Require the member to pay a fine of not more than \$35,000 to the Minister of Finance.
6. If the act of professional misconduct was the sexual abuse of a patient, require the member to reimburse the College for funding provided for that patient under the program required under section 85.7.
7. If the panel makes an order under paragraph 6, require the member to post security acceptable to the College to guarantee the payment of any amounts the member may be required to reimburse under the order under paragraph 6.

The discipline panel may, in an appropriate case, make an order requiring you to pay all or part of the College's costs and expenses pursuant to section 53.1 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*.

You are entitled to disclosure of the evidence against you in accordance with section 42(1) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, as amended.

You, or your representative, may contact the solicitor for the College, Rebecca Durcan, in this matter:

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You must also make disclosure in accordance with section 42.1 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, which states as follows:

Evidence of an expert led by a person other than the College is not admissible unless the person gives the College, at least ten days before the hearing, the identity of the expert and a copy of the expert's written report or, if there is no written report, a written summary of the evidence.

Further, you must also make disclosure in accordance with s. 7.01(2) of the *Rules of the Discipline Committee of the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario*, which state as follows:

7.01(2) The parties shall make disclosure as is required by law. In addition, the parties shall, at least 10 days in advance of the hearing,

- (a) in the case of written or documentary evidence, provide an opportunity for the opposing party to examine the evidence;
- (b) in the case of evidence of an expert, provide the opposing party of the identity of the expert and a copy of the expert's written report or, if there is no written report, a written summary of the evidence; and
- (c) in the case of a witness, provide the opposing party with the identity of the witness.



Date: May 27, 2020

Deborah Adams
Registrar
College of Registered Psychotherapists
and Registered Mental Health Therapists
of Ontario

TO: **ELISABETH HARAMIC**

[REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Registrant

1. Elisabeth Melita Haramic (the "Registrant") has been a registrant of the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario (the College") since on or about April 7, 2015 and resigned her registration on or about March 16, 2020.
2. The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee imposed an interim order on the Registrant on or about April 2, 2019 suspending her certificate of registration.

The Client

3. It is alleged that the Registrant treated the Client from approximately December 2016 to on or about September 22, 2018.

Conduct by the Registrant

4. During treatment sessions with the Client, it is alleged that the Registrant:
 - a. Recommended that the Client engage in BDSM as a form of therapy;
 - b. Recommended that the Client's homework was to watch the movie 9 1/2 Weeks;
 - c. Asked the Client to describe how he sexualized her; and/or
 - d. Engaged in discussions with the Client about dating.
5. Between approximately September 22, 2018 and November 16, 2018, it is alleged that the Registrant engaged in unprofessional and/or sexual conversations with the Client via text messages including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. I can love truly madly deeply, can you love me the same
 - b. I want that badly (in response to Client texting Make love to you in the morning)
 - c. I wish we could sleep together
 - d. So I am your sex object
 - e. Are you going to sleep with me
 - f. I want to be in bed with you now and f--- seriously.
 - g. Find my heart for us

- h. Thank you for tonight, loved the dinner and all that followed
 - i. ... I am starting to feel that life can be a beautiful experience. Sharing with a person who is capable of sharing. Us feels right. ... I will txt when I get home. Miss you. Let's build this life together
 - j. I wanted to kick your ass and throw you off me but then I wanted you to take me
 - k. Yes, maybe it's time for you to claim your male power and me to finally submit
6. Between approximately September 29, 2018 and November 15, 2018, it is alleged that the Registrant and the Client engaged in sexual intercourse, sexual touching and/or oral sex.
7. On or about November 16, 2018 it is alleged that the Registrant terminated the sexual relationship with the Client.
8. It is alleged that the Client felt vulnerable and suicidal after the sexual relationship was terminated.

Allegations of professional misconduct

9. It is alleged that the above conduct constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to subsection 51(1)(b.1) of the Health Professions Procedural Code (the Code") as the Registrant sexually abused the Client¹ by the following:
- a. Sexual intercourse or other forms of physical sexual relations between the Registrant and the Client;
 - b. Touching, of a sexual nature, of the Client by the Registrant; and/or
 - c. Behaviour or remarks of a sexual nature by the Registrant towards the Client.
1. Subsection 1(6) of the Health Professions Procedural Code provides that the Client remained a "client" (for the purposes of sexual abuse) of the Registrant until on or about September 22, 2019.
10. It is also alleged that the above misconduct constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to subsection 51(1)(c) of the Code as set out in one or more of the following paragraphs of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 317/12 made under the Psychotherapy Act, 2007:
- a. **Paragraph 1** - Contravening, by act or omission, a standard of practice of the profession or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, including but not limited to the following:

- i. **1.5 – General Conduct;**
 - ii. **1.7 - Dual or Multiple Relationships; and/or**
 - iii. **1.8 – Undue Influence and Abuse;**
- b. **Paragraph 2** - Abusing a client or a client's representative verbally, physically, psychologically or emotionally;
 - c. **Paragraph 28** - Making a claim about a therapeutic approach, modality, remedy, treatment, device or procedure other than a claim that can be supported as reasonable professional opinion;
 - d. **Paragraph 52** - 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; and/or
 - e. **Paragraph 53** - Engaging in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by members as conduct unbecoming a member of the profession.

APPENDIX

1. The documents to be tendered in evidence at the hearing have been sent with this Notice of Hearing.
2. The *Rules of Procedure of the Discipline Committee* have been sent with this Notice of Hearing.
3. Take notice that the documents that have been and may later be disclosed to you will be tendered as business documents pursuant to the *Evidence Act* of Ontario.
4. All documents that are disclosed to you in this matter are disclosed on the basis that they are to be used solely for the purpose of this proceeding and for no other purpose.

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