

**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 -

SARAH DURANT

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 Sarah Durant 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: January 4, 2021



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

TO: **SARAH DURANT**



STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Registrant

1. Sarah Durant (the "Registrant") has been a registrant of the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario (the "College") since approximately September 15, 2015.
2. The Registrant works at North Simcoe Therapy Network, located in Tiny, Ontario.
3. The Registrant is not a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

Conduct and Criminal Conviction

4. It is alleged that on or about February 26, 2020, the Registrant attended a restaurant and consumed alcohol and/or became intoxicated. It is alleged that the Registrant began harassing staff and/or customers and/or was making inappropriate comments and/or advances towards the staff and/or customers, including, but not limited to:
 - a. "Do you know who the fuck I am? I own half this fucking town";
 - b. Called the Manager of the restaurant "pretty" and placed her head on the Manager's chest and/or within the Manager's cleavage;
 - c. The Registrant referred to herself as "Sarah the physician" on several occasions; and/or
 - d. Kissed/and or licked the face(s) of customer(s).
5. It is alleged that the Registrant:
 - a. Left the restaurant without paying; and/or
 - b. Operated her vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.
6. It is alleged that the Registrant hit a curb, drove into a ditch and/or then drove into oncoming traffic.
7. It is alleged that the police subsequently found the Registrant asleep in her car in her driveway.
8. On or about February 27, 2020, the Registrant was criminally charged with:
 - a. Operation while Impaired by drugs or alcohol (s. 320.14(1)(a) of the Criminal Code)
 - b. Operation while Impaired – blood alcohol concentration over 80 (s. 320.14(1)(b) of the Criminal Code)

- c. Dangerous Operation of a motor vehicle (s. 320.13(1) of the Criminal Code); and/or
 - d. Fraudulently obtaining food, beverage or accommodation (s. 364 of the Criminal Code).
9. On or about April 23, 2020, the Registrant pled guilty to the charge identified at paragraph 8(a). It is alleged that the Registrant was ordered to pay a fine of \$2,600.00 within 9 months and was prohibited from operating a motor vehicle for one year commencing on April 23, 2020.

Allegations of Professional Misconduct

10. It is alleged that the above conduct constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to one or more of the following:
- a. Section 51(1)(a) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (the “Code”) (the member has been found guilty of an offence that is relevant to the member’s suitability to practise); and/or
 - b. Section 51(1)(c) of the *Code*, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* 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*:
 - i. **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:
 - 1. 1.5 – General Conduct; and/or
 - ii. **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
 - iii. **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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