DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE COLLEGE OF REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS AND REGISTERED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS OF ONTARIO

File No.: 24-001-RP

BETWEEN:

College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario

College

- and -

Elisabeth Haramic

Registrant

The following Reprimand was delivered by videoconference on Monday, April 29, 2024.

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Ms. Haramic,

As part of the agreed penalty, this oral reprimand is a formal process intended to clearly communicate to you, the profession and to the public, this discipline panel's serious concerns about your professional misconduct.

Ms. Haramic, by engaging in sexual touching and sexual texting with your client, you committed sexual abuse and disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional conduct. You failed to meet the standards of practice of the profession on dual and multiple relationships and general conduct. You engaged in conduct unbecoming a member of the profession. This reprimand is meant to send a clear and cogent message that these actions shall not be tolerated.

The panel's findings of sexual abuse resulted from your actions toward a vulnerable client who reached out to you, a Registered Psychotherapist, for help with his mental health due to abandonment and addiction issues. This client came to you as a trusted professional and rendered himself vulnerable to your influence and authority. You sexually abused him with intentional and calculated actions, using your influence as his psychotherapist. Through your actions, you have disgraced both yourself and the profession. The harm you have inflicted on this client is a fundamental abuse of your privilege to work with vulnerable clients.

The penalty of revocation gives reassurance to the public and the profession that you will no longer be in a position to inflict harm as a Registered Psychotherapist and sends a

clear message that sexual abuse of a client will not be tolerated by the College. The protection of the public requires that sexual abuse be strongly condemned and lead to the most serious consequences when committed by a member of this profession.

This oral reprimand will appear permanently on the public register.