

ONTARIO REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS DISCIPLINE TRIBUNAL

College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of
Ontario

College

- and -

Roneldi Feaver

Registrant

NOTICE OF HEARING

On July 19, 2024 a panel of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee of the College referred specified allegations of the registrant's professional misconduct and/or incompetence to the Tribunal.

In this proceeding, Registrant means "member" as set out in the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, the Health Professions Procedural Code (Code), the applicable health profession Act, and the regulations thereto.

The allegation(s) are that the registrant:

1. Has committed an act of professional misconduct under:
 - a. subsection 51(1)(b.1) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, which is Schedule II to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (the "Code") in that the Registrant sexually abused Client A by behaviour or remarks of a sexual nature by the member towards Client A;
 - b. subsection 51(1)(c) of the Code, as set out in 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 the following:
 1. 1.5 – General Conduct;
 2. 1.7 – Dual or Multiple Relationships;
 3. 1.8 – Undue Influence and Abuse; 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.

Further information about these allegations is set out below:

The Registrant

2. Roneldi Feaver (“the Registrant”) has been a registrant of the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario (“the College”) since approximately January 29, 2019.

Client A

3. It is alleged that the Registrant treated Client A between approximately December 2020 and March 2023.

Conduct by the Registrant

4. It is alleged that:
 - a. Between approximately November 2020 and March 2023, the Registrant communicated with Client A via text message, including but not limited to by:
 - i. Texting him “xo” or “xoxo”;
 - ii. Recommending a bar to which Client A could take his spouse;
 - iii. Discussing movies they enjoy;
 - iv. Discussing recipes, meal preparation, and where they buy groceries;
 - b. Between approximately March 2022 and March 2023, the Registrant made comments to Client A, including but not limited to:
 - i. Telling Client A that she had become divorced;
 - ii. Stating that she would turn Client A’s celibate friend into a “non-celibate man”;
 - iii. Stating to Client A “You have a beautiful woman sitting in front of you”, in reference to herself;
 - iv. Asking Client A whether a co-worker of his, whom Client A described as young and wealthy, was “single”;
 - v. Telling Client A that he was an “attractive” and “good-looking” person;
 - c. Between approximately May 2022 and March 2023, the Registrant:
 - i. Communicated with Client A via Instagram;
 - ii. Provided Client A with information about membership at her gym;

- iii. Followed Client A on Instagram;
 - iv. Allowed Client A to follow her on Instagram;
 - v. Allowed Client A to view content posted by the Registrant to Instagram, including but not limited to photographs and/or videos depicting the Registrant's breasts and/or buttocks;
- d. In approximately February 2023, the Registrant invited Client A to attend an event with her outside of a counselling session.
5. It is alleged that in approximately March 2023, the Registrant told Client A that she had spoken to her supervisor about text messaging with Client A and/or connecting with him on Instagram in advance of doing so, and that her supervisor had opined that it was not inappropriate of the Registrant to do so. It is alleged that this statement by the Registrant to Client A was false and/or misleading.

The Tribunal will hold a hearing under sections 38 to 56 of the Code, the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, and the *Hearings in Tribunal Proceedings (Temporary Measures) Act, 2020*, on a date or dates to be set at a case management conference, to decide whether the registrant has committed an act or acts of professional misconduct and/or is incompetent.

The College will file this Notice with the Tribunal. The Tribunal will then set a date for the first case management conference and send it to the parties with more information about the Tribunal's process.

If the registrant or their representative does not attend the case management conference or the hearing, the Tribunal may proceed in the registrant's absence and the registrant is not entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

If the Tribunal finds the registrant committed an act or acts of professional misconduct, it may make one or more of the following orders under subsections 51(2) of the Code.

- direct the Registrar to revoke the registrant's certificate of registration.
- direct the Registrar to suspend the registrant's certificate of registration for a specified period of time.
- direct the Registrar to impose specified terms, conditions and limitations on the registrant's certificate of registration for a specified or indefinite period of time.
- require the registrant to appear before the Tribunal to be reprimanded.
- require the registrant to pay a fine of not more than \$35,000 to the Minister of Finance.

- if the act of professional misconduct was the sexual abuse of a patient, require the registrant to reimburse the College for funding provided for that patient under the program and/or require the registrant to post security acceptable to the College to guarantee this payment.

The Tribunal may, under subsection 53.1 of the Code, require the registrant to pay all or part of the College's costs and expenses.

The Tribunal's website includes the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure, Practice Directions and guides to the process.

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