

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF
THE COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHS OF ONTARIO**

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TUESDAY, THE 16th
DAY OF JULY, 2020

B E T W E E N:

COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHS OF ONTARIO

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ORDER

THIS HEARING was held electronically in Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Notice of Hearing, the Agreed Statement of Facts and the Joint Submission as to Penalty and Costs, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the College of Naturopaths of Ontario (“College”) and the Member:

A. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE FINDS that the Member committed acts of professional misconduct pursuant to section 51(1)(c) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (the “Code”) as set out the following paragraphs of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 17/14 made under the *Naturopathy Act, 2007*: **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 Conflict of Interest Standard and Guideline and the Advertising Standard); **Paragraph 17** (Acting in a conflict of interest when acting in a professional capacity); **Paragraph 27** (Permitting the advertising of the member or his or her practice in a manner that is false or misleading or that includes statements that are not factual and verifiable); **Paragraph 36** (Contravening, by act or omission, a provision of the Act, the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* or the regulations under either of those Acts including but not limited to i. Section 8 of the *Naturopathy Act, 2007*; and ii. Section 33 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*); **Paragraph 39** (Practising the profession while the member's certificate of registration has been suspended); **Paragraph 40** (Directly or indirectly benefiting from the practice of the profession while the member's certificate of registration is suspended unless full disclosure is made by the member to the College of the nature of the benefit to be obtained and prior approval is obtained from the Executive Committee); **Paragraph 41** (Failing to comply with an order of a panel of the College); **Paragraph 43** (Failing to carry out or abide by an undertaking given to the College or breaching an agreement with the College); **Paragraph 46** (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 **Paragraph 47** (Engaging in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by members as conduct unbecoming a member of the profession) of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 17/14 made under the *Naturopathy Act, 2007* and s. 4(3) of the *Naturopathy Act, 2007*..

C. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MAKES AN ORDER:

1. Requiring the Member to appear before the panel to be reprimanded immediately following the hearing of this matter.
2. Directing the Registrar to suspend the Member's certificate of registration for a period of four months, on a schedule to be set by the Registrar.
3. Directing the Registrar to impose the following specified terms, conditions and limitations on the Member's certificate of registration:
 - a. Requiring that the Member successfully complete, and at his own expense, the ProBe course in ethics and boundaries, by December 31, 2020;
 - b. Requiring that the Member successfully complete, to the satisfaction of the Registrar and at his own expense, the College Jurisprudence Course, no later than August 31, 2020; and
 - c. Requiring that the Member write an essay between 500-1000 words in length, that is deemed acceptable by the Registrar, and provide it to the Registrar, no later than January 29, 2021, to be published by the College at the discretion of and in a format determined by the Registrar, on the following issues:
 - i. The lessons he learned in completing the ProBe course;
 - ii. The lessons he learned in completing the Jurisprudence course; and
 - iii. The importance of adhering to College's standards and orders of committees of the College.
4. Requiring the Member to pay of fine of not more than \$350 to the Minister of Finance within two months of the hearing of this matter.

5. The Member shall pay the College's costs fixed in the amount of \$6,400 payable on a schedule determined by the Registrar.

Date: July 16, 2020



Dr. Jordan Sokoloski, ND
Chair Discipline Panel

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