# DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHS OF ONTARIO

Dr. Tara Gignac, ND - Chair	)	
Dr. Danielle O'Connor, ND	)	TUESDAY, THE 30th
Dr. Rick Olazabal, ND	)	•
Dianne Delany	)	DAY OF APRIL, 2019
Samuel Laldin		

BETWEEN:

### **COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHS OF ONTARIO**

- and -

#### **ELVIS AZAD ALI**

#### **ORDER**

THIS HEARING was held in Toronto, Ontario.

**ON READING** the Notice of Hearing, the Agreed Statement of Facts and Admission of Professional Misconduct, and the Joint Submission on Penalty and Costs, and on hearing the evidence and submissions of counsel for the College of Naturopaths of Ontario ("College") and counsel for the Member:

A. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE FINDS that the Member committed acts of professional misconduct pursuant to s. 51(1)(c) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, 1991 as set out in 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); paragraph 24(signing or issuing, in his professional capacity, a document that the member knows or ought to know contains a false or misleading statement); and 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) of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 17/14 made under the *Naturopathy Act*, 2007.

#### B. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MAKES AN ORDER:

- 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 eight (8) months, to commence on the date that this order becomes final, two (2) months of which shall be remitted if the Member complies with the provisions of paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b) no later than September 30, 2019.
- 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 unconditionally pass the PROBE course in ethics,
     at his own expense and no later than November 30, 2019;
  - b. Requiring that the Member write an essay between 1000-1500 words in length, and provide it to the Registrar, no later than December 20, 2019, that shall be published by the College at a time and in a format determined by the Registrar, on the following issue:

- i. The lessons he learned in completing the PROBE course.
- c. The Member is a non-clinical naturopath and cannot engage in direct patient care within the scope of practice of the profession, cannot perform, or delegate any controlled acts authorized to the profession, nor accept the delegation of any controlled acts as set out in section 27 of the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991.
  - i. If a total of more than two years pass from the date the term, condition or limitation was placed on the Member's certificate of registration, the Member may not resume practising the profession until he:
    - satisfies the Registration Committee of the College that he
      possesses the current knowledge, skill and judgment relating to
      the practice of the profession that would be expected of a
      member holding a General certificate of registration without a
      non-clinical term, condition or limitation; or
    - has successfully completed, in the opinion of the Registration Committee, such additional education or training requirements determined to be necessary by the Registration Committee.
  - ii. If two years or less pass from the date the term, condition or limitation was placed on the Member's certificate of registration, the Member may not resume practising the profession until he:
    - successfully completes, to the satisfaction of the Registrar and at his own expense, the College Jurisprudence Course; and

- successfully completes, to the satisfaction of the Registrar and at his own expense, the Medical Records Course at the University of Toronto.
- 4. For greater certainty, the Member's obligation to comply with the proposed terms, conditions and limitations on his certificate of registration contained in paragraph 3(a) and 3(b) is not relieved by serving the entire suspension referred to in paragraph 2 above.
- 5. Requiring the Member to pay of fine of not more than \$350 to the Minister of Finance within two months of the date of the hearing.
- 6. Requiring the Member to pay the College's costs fixed in the amount of \$3,500 payable in a schedule determined by the Registrar.

Dr. Tara Gignac, ND, Chair

Discipline Panel

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