

DECISION #2

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ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

- Failed to take reasonable steps to ensure that information provided by him or on his behalf to the College was accurate (para. 57).
- Disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unethical conduct (para. 59).
- Contravened a provision of the *Dentistry Act, 1991*, the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, or the Regulations under either of those Acts (para. 48).

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

- The member did not disclose to the College that he had been found guilty of at least three criminal offences since becoming a member of the College [one offence of knowingly uttering death threats and two offences of impaired driving.]
- For two subsequent years on annual College renewal forms, the member replied “no” to the question asking whether since becoming a member of the College he had been found guilty of a criminal offence, when this was not the truth.
- Regulation 853/93, made under the *Dentistry Act*, requires as a condition of a certificate of registration, that a member provide the College with details of any finding of guilt in relation to a criminal offence or an offence under the *Narcotic Control Act* or *Food and Drug Act*.

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1. Finding

The member pleaded guilty and was found guilty of professional misconduct with respect to the above allegations.

2. Penalty

- Reprimand.
- Certificate of registration will be suspended for three consecutive months [November 30, 2004 – February 28, 2005].
- Practice monitoring for 24 months.
- Course in ethics and jurisprudence.

3. Costs/Publication

- Costs to the College in the amount of \$2,000.
- Monitoring costs of \$600 per visit.
- Pursuant to the legislation, publication of this matter includes the member's name and address.

4. Panel's Reasoning

- Penalty reached as a result of pre-hearing conference.
- Penalty was appropriate for deterrence of the member and the profession, as well as for the rehabilitation of the member and the view of the public.
- Member's first appearance before Discipline Committee.
- Member co-operated with the College process.
- Member accepted responsibility for his actions.