

DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

April 7, 2018

Alison Given, P.T. No. 1018

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Accusations of improper professional and business activities

The Member worked at a private clinic owned and managed by the Complainant for approximately one year between May 2015 and May 2016. During that year, the Member became concerned about certain activities carried out by the Complainant that, at the time, she viewed as contrary to the public interest.

On or about August 13, 2016, the Member wrote an anonymous letter setting out her concerns respecting the Complainant. The Member sent the letter to a number of governmental organizations and healthcare associations that she viewed as having an important role in protecting the public. The Member did not send the letter directly to any specific healthcare practitioners.

The Discipline Committee concluded that the Member's actions in sending the anonymous letter constituted professional misconduct contrary to section 23 of *The Physical Therapists Act, 1998* and was a breach of the SCPT Code of Ethics.

Both the Professional Conduct Committee and the Member were prepared to resolve the matter without a hearing but this was not possible because the Complainant did not consent, which is a requirement of the Act.

The discipline hearing proceeded on an Agreed Statement of Facts and a Joint Submission on Penalty submitted by the Professional Conduct Committee and the Member. In accordance with the Joint Submission, the Discipline Committee ordered that the Member be reprimanded, that she complete an ethics training course and that she pay costs in the amount of \$500 within 60 days of the date of the Discipline Committee's order. The Member provided a retraction letter to the Complainant prior to the discipline hearing.



Richard Bourassa
Chair

On behalf of Committee Members:
Judy Grant
Elyse Greenberg
Gordon Pullar