



Type: Disciplinary Order

Name: Raja Ramaswamy, Former RMT

Location: Surrey, BC

Date of Action: January 14 and April 21, 2026

Nature of Action and Reasons: On November 24, 2025, a panel of the Discipline Committee (the “Panel”) of the College of Complementary Health Professionals of British Columbia (“CCHPBC”) convened to hear a formal citation which was issued to Raja Ramaswamy, a former massage therapist, under the *Health Professions Act* (the “HPA”).

The citation set out allegations that Mr. Ramaswamy sexually assaulted a patient during a massage on April 7, 2021. On October 31, 2023, the BC Provincial Court found Mr. Ramaswamy guilty of sexual assault in relation to the April 7, 2021, incident.

On August 5, 2021, the CCHPBC Inquiry Committee imposed a practice limit on Mr. Ramaswamy whereby he was prohibited from treating female patients while the CCHPBC’s investigation was ongoing. Mr. Ramaswamy surrendered his license to practice on May 22, 2025.

Following the hearing, the Panel issued its [decision and reasons on liability](#) on January 14, 2026. Subsequently, the Panel issued its [decision and reasons on penalty](#) on April 21, 2026. These decisions are made under the *Health Professions Act*.

Panel Decision on Liability dated January 14, 2026

As sexual assault had been proven beyond a reasonable doubt in the criminal trial, the Panel accepted this finding as a binding and conclusive result in its own hearing.

The Panel found that Mr. Ramaswamy’s conduct was a violation of sections 1, 3 and 15 of the Code of Ethics for massage therapists and section 75 CCHPBC Bylaws in place at the time, and therefore constituted sexual misconduct within the meaning of the Code of Ethics.

The hearing then proceeded to a decision on penalty and costs, as outlined below.



Panel Decision on Penalty dated April 21, 2026

Following the issuance of the January 14, 2026, the Panel, as required by law, requested submissions in writing from CCHPBC and Mr. Ramaswamy regarding the appropriate panel and costs.

The Panel ordered, pursuant to section 39(2) of the *Health Professions Act*, that:

- Mr. Ramaswamy's registration with CCHPBC is cancelled;
- Mr. Ramaswamy is prohibited from applying for reinstatement of his registration with the College for eight (8) years;
- Mr. Ramaswamy must pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000 and costs in the amount of \$10,000; and
- To be eligible to apply for reinstatement,
 - Mr. Ramaswamy must pay all outstanding amounts owing to CCHPBC; and
 - Mr. Ramaswamy must successfully re-take CCHPBC's Law, Ethics and Professionalism course and examination, or the equivalent thereof which exists at the time of his application.

The Panel ordered the cancellation of Mr. Ramaswamy's registration even though he does not currently hold an active licence. The Panel determined that it would frustrate the purpose of the *Health Professions Act* if a respondent were permitted to evade disciplinary sanction merely by preemptively failing to renew or voluntarily relinquishing registration.

If Mr. Ramaswamy applies to reinstate his licence with CCHPBC, such reinstatement will not automatically be granted. CCHPBC's Licence Committee would evaluate his eligibility for licensure under the *Health Professions and Occupations Act* and CCHPBC Bylaws.