DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

BETWEEN:

COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

- and -

VICTOR MINAS

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE INQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS AND REPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO (the "College") has referred specified allegations against you to the Discipline Committee of the College. The allegations were referred in accordance with section 26(1)1 of the Health Professions Procedural Code (the "Code") which is Schedule II to the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991. The statement of specified allegations is attached to this Notice of Hearing as Schedule "A". A discipline panel will hold a hearing under the authority of sections 38 to 56 of the Code for the purposes of deciding whether the allegations are true.

The hearing will be held before a panel of the Discipline Committee (the "Panel") at a place, date and time to be determined by the Registrar of the College. You may have a representative appear on your behalf.

SUBSECTION 51(2) OF THE CODE PROVIDES THAT if the Panel makes a finding of professional misconduct, it may make an order, doing one or more of the following:

- 1. Directing the Registrar to revoke your Certificate of Registration.
- 2. Directing the Registrar to suspend your Certificate of Registration, for a specified period of time.
- 3. Directing the Registrar to impose specified terms, conditions and limitations on your Certificate of Registration, for a specified or indefinite period of time.

4. Requiring you to appear before the Panel to be reprimanded.

5. Requiring you to pay a fine, of not more than \$35,000.00, to the Minister of

Finance.

6. If the act of professional misconduct was the sexual abuse of a patient, require

you to reimburse the College for funding provided for that patient under the

program required under section 85.7 of the Health Professions Procedural

Code.

7. If the panel makes an order under paragraph 6, require you to post security

acceptable to the College to guarantee the payment of any amounts the

member may be required to reimburse under the order under paragraph 6.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 53.1 OF THE CODE, in an appropriate case, if the

Panel finds that you committed professional misconduct or finds you to be incompetent,

the Panel may make an order requiring you to pay all or part of the following costs and

expenses:

1. the College's legal costs and expenses;

2. the College's costs and expenses incurred in investigating the matter; and

3. the College's costs and expenses incurred in conducting the hearing.

You are entitled to know what evidence against you the College has or knows about. The

disclosure of the evidence obtained thus far is accompanied with this Notice of Hearing.

You or your representative may communicate with the solicitors for the College. They are:

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If you prefer to communicate with the College in French or would like the hearing of your case to be conducted in French, then you must notify the College as soon as possible so that it can make reasonable attempts to accommodate your request.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THE HEARING in person or if you are not represented by someone, the Panel may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings.

Date: 2/17/2022

Roderick Tom-Ying Acting Registrar and CEO College of Denturists of Ontario

TO: VICTOR MINAS c/o Matthew Wilton

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STATEMENT OF SPECIFIED ALLEGATIONS

The Member

- 1. Victor Minas ("the Member") has been a denturist in Ontario since approximately February 16, 1988.
- 2. The Member works at and/or owns and/or co-owns and/or is the founder of Smilecorp Clinic (the "Clinic").

The Client

March 9, 2015

- 3. It is alleged that on or about March 9, 2015, the Client had her initial appointment with the Member and/or a dentist at the Clinic, for a consultation regarding dentures, extractions, and bone grafts.
- 4. It is alleged that the Member advised the Client that he would arrange for the work to be performed by various dental service providers, including the Member, at the Clinic.
- 5. It is alleged that the Member conveyed to the Client that he would be doing more than simply fabricating and/or providing dentures.
- 6. It is alleged that the Member told the Client that the services would cost approximately \$28,000.
- 7. It is alleged that based on the Member's representations, the Client agreed to the terms as described by the Member and/or paid a deposit of \$1,000 to the Clinic and/or paid the remaining balance of \$27,000 to the Clinic on or about May 1, 2015.

March 2015 onwards

- 8. It is alleged that from approximately March 9, 2015 to May 8, 2015, the Client met with the Member and/or various dental service providers at the Clinic for services associated with her dentures, extractions and bone grafts.
- It is alleged that the services were not provided in accordance with the agreement and/or services were not provided at all.
- 10. It is alleged that the Client required additional surgery. It is alleged that this occurred outside of the Clinic. It is alleged that the Member and/or the Clinic undertook to pay for the additional surgery but did not do so.

- 11. It is alleged that the Member accompanied the Client to dental visits outside of the Clinic.
- 12. It is alleged that the Member and/or the Clinic advised the Client that she would be reimbursed for services not provided but did not do so.
- 13. It is alleged that the Member failed to properly document the Client record in accordance with College standards and/or in accordance in the best interests of the Client.
- 14. It is alleged that the Client needed to take out a line of credit in order to pay for the additional surgery.
- 15. It is alleged that the Client made repeated attempts to receive the reimbursement for the unused services and/or the additional surgery.
- 16. It is alleged that the Member failed to reimburse the Client until or around January 2022.

Misrepresentation

17. It is alleged that the Member misrepresented his role in the Client's treatment and his affiliation to the Clinic.

<u>Allegations of Professional Misconduct</u>

- 18. As a result of the above, it is alleged that the Member engaged in professional misconduct pursuant to Clause 51(1)(c) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, and as set out in one or more of the following paragraphs of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 854/93 under the *Denturism Act, 1991*:
 - a. Paragraph 2: Failing to maintain the standards of practice of the profession;
 - b. Paragraph 7: Failing to fulfil the terms of an agreement with a patient,
 except in accordance with paragraph 6;
 - c. **Paragraph 10:** Making a misrepresentation to a patient including a misrepresentation respecting a remedy, treatment, device, or procedure;
 - d. **Paragraph 26:** Charging a fee that is excessive or unreasonable in relation to the services performed and/or
 - e. **Paragraph 47:** Engaging in conduct or performing an act, relevant to the practice of denturism, that, having regard to all the circumstances, would

reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable, unethical or unprofessional.

APPENDIX

- 1. The documents to be tendered in evidence at the hearing have been sent with this Notice of Hearing.
- 2. The Rules of Procedure of the Discipline Committee have been sent with this Notice of Hearing.
- 3. Take notice that the documents that have been and may later be disclosed to you will be tendered as business documents pursuant to the *Evidence Act* of Ontario.
- 4. All documents that are disclosed to you in this matter are disclosed on the basis that they are to be used solely for the purpose of this proceeding and for no other purpose.

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