



On June 14, 2024, allegations of the Registrant's professional misconduct were referred to the Discipline Committee for hearing, on a date yet to be fixed. Please see the Notice of Hearing below:

**ONTARIO COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORKERS  
AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF** Sections 26 and 28 of the *Social Work and Social Service Work Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, Chapter 31;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** a hearing directed to be held by the Discipline Committee of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers under the *Social Work and Social Service Work Act, 1998*;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** allegations respecting the professional conduct of Kaitlyn Braun, a Social Worker and registrant with the said College;

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will take place on a date to be fixed by the Registrar at the hour of 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon (or as soon after that time as a panel can be convened for the purpose of conducting the hearing) electronically, in writing or in person at the Board Room of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers, 250 Bloor Street East, Suite 1000, Toronto, Ontario before the Discipline Committee of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (to be confirmed). The hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of sections 26 and 28 of the *Social Work and Social Service Work Act, 1998* (the "Act") and pursuant to the Regulations made thereunder, for the purpose of hearing and determining allegations of professional misconduct against you, Kaitlyn Braun, which allegations were referred to the Discipline Committee pursuant to section 25(1) of the Act.

AND TAKE NOTICE that you are alleged to be guilty of professional misconduct within the meaning of section 26(2) of the Act in that you are alleged to have engaged in conduct that contravenes the Act, Ontario Regulation 384/00 (the "**Professional Misconduct Regulation**"), Schedule "A" to By-law No. 66 of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers,

being the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers Code of Ethics (the "**Code of Ethics**"), and Schedule "B" to By-law No. 66 of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers, being the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers Standards of Practice Handbook (the "**Handbook**")<sup>1</sup>.

**I. The following are particulars of the said allegations:**

1. You are, and were at all times relevant to the allegations, a registered social worker with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (the "College").
2. In or between June 2022 and March 2023, you engaged in conduct that was deceitful, misleading and/or dishonest, including:
  - a. engaging in conduct under false pretences that included that you had been sexually assaulted, that you were pregnant, and/or that you were experiencing a miscarriage or stillbirth;
  - b. obtaining services, or doula services, for support for a pregnancy that you knew to be false;
  - c. while you were naked or partially naked, you coerced a doula to perform a massage on you, including on your back or buttocks;
  - d. while you were shirtless, you used a breast pump in front of a doula;
  - e. you sent a photo of a stillborn baby to a doula that was providing services for support for a pregnancy that you knew to be false; and/or
  - f. you, by deceit, falsehood, or other fraudulent means, defrauded one or more persons or doulas by not paying for services they provided.
3. In or between September 2023 and February 2023, you engaged in conduct that was deceitful, misleading and/or dishonest, including:
  - a. you unlawfully caused a peace officer to enter upon an investigation by making a false statement that accused another person of having committed an offence;

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<sup>1</sup> By-law 24, as amended by By-law Nos. 32 and 48 and revoked effective July 1, 2008 by By-law 66, continues to apply to conduct which occurred prior to July 1, 2008.

- b. you falsely accused a person of sexual assault;
  - c. you went to the Brantford General Hospital and had a sexual assault evidence kit performed on you when you had not, in fact, been sexually assaulted; and,
  - d. you provided a false statement to a peace officer while under oath.
4. On or about December 7, 2023, you pled guilty to, and was found guilty of, criminal offences, including contrary to sections 140(1)(a), 173(1)(b), 362(1)(a), and 380(1)(b) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*, RSC, 1985, c C-46 (the “*Criminal Code of Canada*”). These included:
  - a. one (1) count of public mischief contrary to s. 140(1)(a) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*;
  - b. four (4) counts doing an indecent act contrary to 173(1)(b) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*;
  - c. eleven (11) counts of obtaining by false pretense contrary to s. 362(1)(a) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*; and,
  - d. five (5) counts of fraud contrary to s. 380(1)(b) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.
5. The criminal offences involved thirteen (13) victims. The doula victims were located in Ontario, Alberta, and/or in the United States of America. The doula victims suffered emotionally, mentally, and/or financially, as a result of your conduct.
6. On or about February 14, 2024, you received a conditional sentence of two years less one day on all convictions, concurrently, followed by three years of probation. You were required, as part of your conditional sentence, to be confined to your home and not to possess or use any computer or device that had internet access (including access to social media applications), among other things.

**II. It is alleged that by reason of engaging in some or all of the conduct outlined above, you are guilty of professional misconduct as set out in section 26(2)(a) and (c) of the Act:**

- a) In that you violated **Sections 2.28 of the Professional Misconduct Regulation** by contravening the Act or regulations or by-laws.
- b) In that you violated **Section 2.29 of the Professional Misconduct Regulation** by contravening a federal, provincial or territorial law

or a municipal by-law in circumstances where the purpose of the law or by-law is to protect public health and/or is relevant to your suitability to practise.

- c) In that you violated **Section 2.36 of the Professional Misconduct Regulation** by engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by registrants as disgraceful, dishonourable and/or unprofessional.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Discipline Committee may make an order under Section 26(4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9) of the Act, or any of them, in respect of any or all of the above allegations.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the parties (including the College and you) shall be given the opportunity to examine before the hearing any documents that will be given in evidence at the hearing.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if the hearing is proposed to take place in writing, either of the parties (including the College and you) may, in accordance with the procedures set out in the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, RSO 1990, c S.22 (the “SPPA”) and the Discipline Committee’s Rules of Procedure, seek to require that the hearing be held electronically or orally by satisfying the Discipline Committee that there is good reason for not holding a written hearing.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if the hearing is proposed to take place electronically, either of the parties (including the College and you) may, in accordance with the procedures set out in the SPPA and the Discipline Committee’s Rules of Procedure, seek to require that the hearing be held orally by satisfying the Discipline Committee that holding an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that at the said hearing, you are entitled to be present and to be represented by counsel.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND AT THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE OF HEARING, THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MAY PROCEED WITH THE HEARING, AND MAY DEAL WITH THE ABOVE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST YOU, IN YOUR ABSENCE AND WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU.

Dated at Toronto, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Registrar and CEO  
Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers