IN THE MATTER OF

The Health Professions Act RSBC 1996 c. 183

AND

IN THE MATTER OF
THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA

AND

DR. PETER BALOGH

CONSENT ORDER

Under s. 37.1 of the Health Professions Act

The Inquiry Committee of the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia (the "College") accepted a proposal for resolution submitted by the registrant, Dr. Peter Balogh on July 5, 2021 (the "Proposal") and accordingly issues this Order, pursuant to section 37.1(3)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*. The Proposal is attached to and forms part of this Order.

The Inquiry Committee accepts Dr. Balogh's admissions that he committed acts of professional misconduct and unprofessional conduct by committing criminal contraventions of the *Income Tax Act*. The particulars of Dr. Balogh's admissions are as follows:

a) beginning in 2005, he changed his status with his dental corporation (the "Corporation") from being an employee to being a "natural person" following the teachings of the Paradigm Education Group, which espouses the pseudo-legal notion that a person can classify him or herself as a natural person and thereby be exempt from, among other things, the payment of income tax;

- under the status of a "natural person," Dr Balogh began invoicing the Corporation for his dental services, and personally wrote cheques from the Corporation to himself for those invoices;
- between 2005 and 2009, he earned a total of \$2,177,000 in income through the Corporation, however, fraudulently declared a total of only \$26,452 of income on his personal tax returns during this time period;
- d) in or about August 2016, he was convicted of 1 Count of making a false return contrary to s. 239(1)(a) of the *Income Tax Act* and 5 Counts of failing to report taxable income contrary to s. 239(1)(d) of the *Income Tax Act* for offences that took place during the years 2005 to 2009. *Act*; and
- e) the CRA assessed Dr. Balogh as owing \$1,798,571.38, including unpaid taxes and penalties (the "CRA Debt") and is currently awaiting a sentencing hearing.
 Dr. Balogh has filed an objection disputing the CRA Debt, which has yet to be adjudicated.

After a review of the concerns identified in the College's investigation, Dr. Balogh's admissions and the remedial actions proposed, the Inquiry Committee accepts Dr. Balogh's proposal.

The Inquiry Committee therefore orders as follows:

- 1. Dr. Balogh is reprimanded.
- 2. Dr. Balogh must complete, at his own cost and to the satisfaction of the College, the educational program PBI Education Ethics and Professionalism Course (ME-22) within 6 months of this Order.
- 3. Dr. Balogh is subject to all further acknowledgements and conditions stated in the Proposal, all of which are incorporated by reference and form part of this Order.

This Order is effective July 8th 2021. The Order is approved by the Panel of the Inquiry Committee as indicated by their signatures below:	
Dr. Ahmed Hieawy	Date
Ms. Thelma O'Grady	Date

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BETWEEN:

THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AND:

DR. PETER BALOGH

CONSENT ORDER PROPOSAL TO INQUIRY COMMITTEE:

REGISTRANT ADMISSIONS AND CONSENTS

Citation Issued:

May 26, 2021

Hearing Dates:

AUGUST 18, 2021

Proposal Submitted:

aling 1202

1.0 AUTHORITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- 1.1 As permitted under section 37.1(1) of the *Health Professions* Act (the "HPA"), Dr. Balogh hereby provides this consent order proposal ("Proposal") to the Inquiry Committee (the "Committee") of the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia (the "College"). The proposal has been arrived at jointly with Dr. Balogh and counsel for the College.
- 1.2 Dr. Balogh and the College acknowledge that acceptance of this Proposal would result in the Committee making an order consistent with the Proposal, which order would be considered to be that of a discipline committee for all purposes. Dr. Balogh and the College acknowledge that rejection of this Proposal would result in the matter proceeding to hearing and that the discipline committee in that hearing must not consider any admission or consent provided herein.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY of AGREED FACTS

- 2.1 Dr. Balogh registered with the College to practice general dentistry in January 1991.
- 2.2 In May 2020, the College became aware that Dr. Balogh had been convicted of offences relating to making a false or deceptive statement and failing to report taxable income under the *Income Tax Act* arising from conduct occurring between the years of 2005 to 2009 in relation to income derived from his dental practice. The College conducted an investigation and identified concerns with respect to unethical conduct constituting unprofessional conduct and professional misconduct.
- 2.3 On November 19, 2020, the Inquiry Committee directed the Registrar to issue a citation under section 37 of the HPA.

2.4 The citation was issued on May 26, 2021. The citation established the hearing date of August 18, 2021

3.0 ADMISSIONS

- 3.1 Dr. Balogh admits that beginning in 2005, Dr. Balogh, changed his status with his dental corporation (the "Corporation") from being an employee to being a "natural person" following the teachings of the Paradigm Education Group, which espouses the pseudo-legal notion that a person can classify him or herself as a natural person and thereby be exempt from, among other things, the payment of income tax.
- 3.2 Under the status of a "natural person", Dr Balogh began invoicing the Corporation for his dental services, and personally wrote cheques from the Corporation to himself for those invoices.
- 3.3 Dr. Balogh admits that between 2005 and 2009, he earned a total of \$2,177,000 in income through the Corporation, however, fraudulently declared a total of only \$26,452 of income on his personal tax returns during this time period.
- 3.4 Dr. Balogh admits that in or about August 2016, he was convicted of 1 Count of making a false return contrary to s. 239(1)(a) of the *Income Tax Act* and 5 Counts of failing to report taxable income contrary to s. 239(1)(d) of the *Income Tax Act* for offences that took place during the years 2005 to 2009. *Act*.
- 3.5 The CRA assessed Dr. Balogh as owing \$1,798,571.38, including unpaid taxes and penalties (the "CRA Debt") and is currently awaiting a sentencing hearing. Dr. Balogh has filed an objection disputing the CRA Debt, which has yet to be adjudicated.
- 3.6 By committing the above-noted contraventions of the *Income Tax Act*, Dr. Balogh admits that he committed acts of professional misconduct and unprofessional conduct as provided under

s. 39.1(c) of the Health Professions Act.

4.0 CONSENT TO ORDER AND INDEMNITY

- 4.1 Given the admissions above, Dr. Balogh proposes resolution of the matter on the following terms.
- 4.2 In relation to the admissions of professional misconduct and unprofessional conduct, Dr. Balogh is reprimanded.
- 4.3 Dr. Balogh must complete at his own cost and to the satisfaction of the College, the educational program PBI Education Ethics and Professionalism Course (ME-22) within 6 months of the acceptance of this proposal.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

- 5.1 Dr. Balogh acknowledges that the failure to satisfy any one or more of the terms herein or in the educational agreement above may constitute professional misconduct or unprofessional conduct and may trigger an investigation and disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the provisions in the *HPA*.
- 5.2 Dr. Balogh acknowledges and agrees that he will comply with any order of the Court following his sentencing hearing and will make full payment of the amount that is owed to the CRA after adjudication and any appeals, or settlement, of his objection to the CRA Debt.
- 5.3 Dr. Balogh acknowledges that any order made by the Inquiry Committee based upon this Proposal constitutes "previous action" for the purposes of s. 39.2 of the *HPA*.
- 5.4 Dr. Balogh confirms that he has received legal advice and representation throughout the College's investigation, disciplinary and consent order proposal processes and before agreeing to all the facts, admissions, consents, indemnities and other terms and conditions herein.

- 5.5 Dr. Balogh confirms his understanding and agreement with respect to the mandatory public notice requirements set out in section 39.3 of the *HPA*, including his understanding that his name, the nature of the action taken and the reason for the action taken will be included in this public notice. The College will issue the public notification in the form and by the means that it sees fit.
- 5.6 Dr. Balogh acknowledges and agrees that the College will issue the notifications provided for in College Bylaw 10.05.
- 5.7 Dr. Balogh acknowledges and agrees that should he resign his registration with the 4.3 VH
 College prior to completion of the requirements in paragraph 4.4 above, he will be required to complete all outstanding requirements prior to being reinstated as a registrant of the College.

 Dr. Balogh further acknowledges and agrees that his obligation to complete the requirements in this proposal prior to reinstatement is in addition to any limits or requirements that may be imposed by the College's Registration Committee in accordance with the HPA and/or the College Bylaws.
- 5.8 The College and Dr. Balogh agree that this Proposal may be executed in counterpart and delivered by facsimile or as an electronic document.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee by:

DR. PETER BALOGH