

Unlawful practice

In 2019/20, the College successfully petitioned the Court for a finding of contempt against the following unlawful practitioners:

Ms. Maria Ezzati

In February 2020, after receiving further information that Ms. Ezzati was continuing an unlicensed practice, the College successfully made an application to the Supreme Court of BC and was granted an order to enter a property in Vancouver connected with Ms. Ezzati. The order provided that, while inside the property, the College could search for and seize any drug, substance, device, instrument, supply and any other item that the inspectors reasonably believed to have been used in the practice of medicine, including any records that may be associated with medical diagnosis or treatment, or with scheduling clients for medical treatments related to the practice of medicine.

Following a two-day Supreme Court hearing and appeal to the Court of Appeal, Ms. Ezzati was found in contempt of court. The Court ordered that Ms. Ezzati pay a \$5,000 fine and that she pay half of the College's "special costs" on account of her contemptuous conduct.

Based on the items found and seized during execution of the February order, the College will make a fresh contempt application later in the year.

Ms. Rajdeep Kaur Khakh

Ms. Khakh had been previously found in contempt in January 2019 and was given a 30-day suspended sentence at the time, in addition to a fine.

In July 2019, the Supreme Court of BC found Ms. Khakh in contempt for a second time. The Court lifted the earlier suspension and ordered Ms. Khakh to serve the 30-day incarceration. The Court also imposed a further 30-day custodial period, to be served once the first 30 days had elapsed. In addition, Ms. Khakh was ordered to pay a fine of \$7,200 and to make restitution in the amount of \$300.