

College of Chiropodists v David Allison
Summary of the Decision of the Panel of the Discipline Committee

This matter came on for hearing on August 30, 2004. The Discipline Panel considered the submissions of Counsel for the College of Chiropodists of Ontario and Mr. Allison. The Discipline Panel found Mr. Allison guilty of professional misconduct for failing to keep records as required by the regulations, submitting an account or charge for services that the member knew was false or misleading and for unprofessional conduct.

The discipline panel ordered the following penalty:

1. Mr. Allison was required to appear before the panel to be reprimanded
2. The imposition of specified terms, conditions and limitations on Mr. Allison's certificate of registration, namely that he must submit to an audit of his practise (focusing primarily on record keeping and billing) at least two times over a 12 month period beginning from the date the Discipline Panel's order becomes final. If the auditor is of the opinion that Mr. Allison would benefit from further audits, then a maximum of two further audits may take place at the College's discretion over a further 12 month period. The costs of the audits will be born by Mr. Allison up to a maximum of \$400.00 per audit;
3. Mr. Allison's certificate of registration be suspended for a period of four months, with two months of the four months suspended due to mitigating factors and the remaining two months to be served consecutively;
4. Mr. Allison to pay a fine of \$1000.00 to the Minister of Finance within 6 months of the date the Discipline Panel's decision is final; and
5. Mr. Allison to pay to the College \$3,000 in costs.