

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF ONTARIO
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF ONTARIO ACT, 2017

ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF: Allegations against A [REDACTED] K [REDACTED], under Regulation 7-1:
Admission to Membership, Obligations and Standing, Section 14:
Good Character on Admission, as amended

TO: A [REDACTED] K [REDACTED]

AND TO: The Admission and Registration Committee

NOTICE OF REFERRAL FOR A HEARING

Pursuant to section 14 of Regulation 7-1, adopted by Council under the *Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario Act, 2017*, and the By-law governing the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (“CPA Ontario”), I hereby request the Admission and Registration Committee to convene an oral hearing in respect of this application.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE REQUEST ARE:

1. The Applicant applied for membership with CPA Ontario on September 20, 2021. Having reviewed the application for membership, I am not satisfied that the Applicant has provided evidence of good character as required under Regulation 7-1: Admission to Membership, Obligations and Standing, Section 14: Good Character on Admission.
2. The particulars are as follows:
 - a. In his application for admission to membership, the Applicant answered “yes” to the question, “Have you ever been found guilty of a criminal offence or other similar offence for which a pardon has not been granted or are there any other charges pending against you”?
 - b. In the questionnaire submitted with his application, the Applicant disclosed that he was convicted of simple assault pursuant to s. 266 of the *Criminal Code* in relation to an offence that occurred on June 15, 2019.
 - c. On October 21, 2020, the Applicant entered a guilty plea in relation to the charge against him pursuant to s. 266 of the *Criminal Code*.
 - d. On October 21, 2020, the Applicant attended a sentencing hearing in relation to the charge against him. At the sentencing hearing, the Applicant accepted an accounting of the facts giving rise to his criminal charge, including that the Applicant grabbed the victim by the throat and delivered a single punch to the left side of the victim’s face, resulting in injuries to the victim including bleeding from the nose and left eye, a fractured left orbital bone, and a collapse of the eye into the sinus cavity.

- e. At the Applicant's sentencing hearing, the Court imposed a conditional discharge with five months of probation on the following terms:
 - i. No contact with the victim;
 - ii. Not to be within 100 metres of the victim's residence or place of employment;
 - iii. A s. 110 (weapons prohibition) order for five years; and
 - iv. A secondary DNA order.
- 3. The Applicant was registered as a student of CPA Ontario at the time of his conviction.
- 4. Rule 105 of the CPA Ontario Student Code of Conduct requires the prompt notification of illegal activities, including having been found guilty of a serious criminal offence, to CPA Ontario. The Student Code of Conduct applied to the Applicant at the time of his conviction. The Applicant did not disclose his conviction to CPA Ontario in a prompt manner.
- 5. I have determined that the Applicant otherwise meets all the criteria for admission to membership.

December 13, 2022

Date



Heidi Franken, CPA, CA
Registrar