

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
OF THE COLLEGE OF OPTICIANS OF ONTARIO**

PANEL:

Kevin Cloutier, Professional Member, Chair
Henry Wiersema, Professional member
Margaret Judge, Professional Member
Panos Petrides, Professional Member
Robert Quinn, Public Member

BETWEEN:

)	ANASTASIA-MARIA HOUNTALAS,
)	for the College
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COLLEGE OF OPTICIANS OF ONTARIO)	
(the “ College ”))	
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- and -)	REBECCA YOUNG for the Registrant
)	STEVE RODNEY SANGER
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STEVE RODNEY SANGER)	
(the “ Registrant ”))	
)	LUISA RITACCA, Independent
)	Legal Counsel
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)	Heard: April 22, 2021
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Reason for Decision

1. This matter came on for hearing before a Panel of the Discipline Committee on April 22, 2021 . With the consent of the parties, this matter was heard by videoconference.
2. College counsel filed a motion seeking a stay of the allegations contained in the Notices of Hearing, as described below. Counsel for the Member joined in this request.

3. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Panel advised the parties that it would grant the requested order. The Panel's reasons granting the motion are set out in brief.

The allegations

4. A Notice of Hearing was issued on June 3, 2021 making allegations against Steve Rodney Sanger (the "**Registrant**"). The full Notice of Hearing is attached to the end of this decision.

Motion

5. The College moves for an order staying the hearing of this matter on indefinitely.

6. The Registrant consents to the order being sought.

Decision and Reasons

7. For the reasons set out below, the Panel orders that the hearing of this matter shall be stayed indefinitely.

8. This motion was agreed to and brought forward jointly by the College and Mr. Sanger's counsel.

9. Mr. Sanger has entered into an Undertaking with the College to resign and surrender his membership in, and certificate of registration with the College immediately. Further, Mr. Sanger has agreed to never reapply for membership, registration, licensure or similar status with the College as an optician and that he will post a sign in the main reception area of every location of the Sanger Eye Clinic and any other clinic that he owns or works at in a form as agreed to by the College.

10. As part of his Undertaking, the Registrant has agreed to pay \$12,000.00 in costs to the College, in equal monthly installments over twelve months, with the first payment being due thirty days after signing the Undertaking.

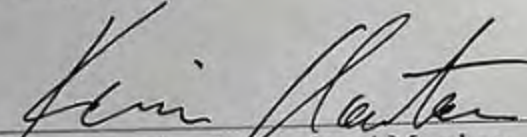
11. The Undertaking provides that the College will be entitled to prosecute Mr. Sanger with respect to the allegations found in the attached Notice of Hearing if he ever breaches any part of the Undertaking.

12. The Undertaking is consistent with the College's obligation to act in the public interest and to above-all, act in furtherance of public protection. Permanently removing Mr. Sanger from practice meets the College's obligations.

13. The permanent adjournment, the Undertaking and these reasons shall form part of the public register and shall be available to members of the College and the public at large.

14. The Panel is satisfied that the proposed disposition is consistent with the public interest. Accordingly, the Panel orders that the disciplinary proceedings against the Member are permanently stayed.

I, Kevin Cloutier, sign this Decision and Reasons for the decision as single member of this Discipline panel.


Kevin Cloutier, Professional Member

May 6th 2022

Date