



College of Speech and  
Hearing Health Professionals  
of British Columbia

## **PUBLIC NOTICE (NON-REGISTRANT)**

**VANCOUVER, BC:** On May 8, 2019, the College entered into an agreement with **Mr. Anthony Wang** to settle its contempt proceeding against him. The College had commenced an application in the BC Supreme Court to find Mr. Wang in contempt of a previous court order enjoining him from providing services that may be provided only by a registrant of the College.

**Background:** Mr. Wang is not and has never been a registrant of the College. By court order on March 13, 2017 (the “Injunction Order”), Mr. Wang was permanently enjoined from providing services that only College registrants may provide. Mr. Wang subsequently posted materials to online marketplaces advertising personal sound amplifying products to address hearing conditions and advising the public on how to order these products. On January 8, 2019, the College filed a contempt application in the BC Supreme Court against Mr. Wang for breaching the Injunction Order.

**Resolution:** The settlement agreement contained the following provisions:

- A. Mr. Wang will not recommend personal sound amplifying devices or products for any hearing condition, including that such devices are appropriate for aiding or compensating for impaired human hearing.
- B. Mr. Wang will not offer to sell hearing instruments, including offering hearing instruments for sale by either himself or a third party inside or outside of British Columbia.
- C. Mr. Wang will pay to the College:
  - a. \$3,000 as partial reimbursement for its investigative and legal expenses; and
  - b. \$15,000 if he breaches the Injunction Order against him in the future.

This settlement agreement is consistent with the College’s mandate to protect the public through the prevention of unauthorized practice. The settlement agreement provides both specific and general deterrence against future instances of unauthorized hearing aid dispensing.

*The College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of British Columbia is the licensing and regulatory body for all audiologists, hearing instrument practitioners, and speech-language pathologists in the province. The College’s role is to protect the public by establishing, monitoring, and enforcing high standards of qualification and ethical practice across British Columbia.*

**May 8, 2019**