

1 THE LAW SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

2 VINCENT JOSEPH BUETI

3 REASONS

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6 PANEL MEMBERS: Ms. R. Campbell (Chair)

7 Ms. L. Turnbull

8 Mr. K. Molloy

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11 COUNSEL FOR THE LAW SOCIETY OF MANITOBA:

12 R. Kravetsky, Esq.

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14 COUNSEL FOR THE MEMBER:

15 Self Represented

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18 Hearing held at The Law Society of Manitoba,

19 219 Kennedy Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 20, 2018.

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21 **FOUR SEASONS REPORTING**

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1 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, counsel. The
2 panel is ready to deliver its decision. At the outset we
3 wish to thank counsel for their helpful submissions.

4 This matter concerns three charges of
5 professional misconduct against Mr. Bueti contained in the
6 citation dated September 18, 2017.

7 It came on for hearing before this panel,
8 Discipline Committee, on Wednesday, June 20, 2018.
9 Mr. Bueti and The Law Society submitted agreed statement of
10 facts. Mr. Bueti admitted Charge 1, except (b) and (e),
11 and Charge 3, except (b), in the citation, and the panel
12 finds him guilty in respect to those two charges.

13 As regard to Charge 1, after undertaking on or
14 about August 2, 2016 to represent V.M. and T.M. in respect
15 of the management of V.'s affairs, and while continuing to
16 act concerning that matter, you acted contrary to Rule
17 3.4(1) of the Code of Professional Conduct in that you
18 acted, and continued to act, while in a conflict of
19 interest, both in becoming a witness in the matter, and
20 failing to end litigation when you were instructed to do
21 so.

22 As regard to Charge 3, after undertaking on or
23 about August 2, 2016 to represent V.M. and T.M. in respect
24 of the management of V.'s affairs, and while continuing to
25 act, you acted contrary to Rule 7.2(1) of the Code of

1 Professional Conduct, in that you failed to be courteous
2 and civil, and to act in good faith with Anthony Guerra,
3 the lawyer for L.E., an opposing party, by not providing
4 the Campbell report in a timely manner.

5 The panel accepts the joint recommendation and
6 penalty, and hereby orders that Mr. Bueti pay a fine of
7 \$3,500, and that he pay a sum of \$4,000 as contribution to
8 The Law Society's costs.

9 The panel acknowledges that this outcome is
10 supported by the decision submitted by counsel in their
11 joint book of authorities, in which fines range from \$1,500
12 to \$8,500. In each and every one of those cases we note a
13 contribution to costs was also ordered ranging from \$2,356
14 in 2001, to \$29,000 in 1995.

15 We acknowledge the submissions of Mr. Kravetsky
16 and Mr. Bueti. Mr. Bueti has no prior record in almost
17 36 years that he has practised law. He fully acknowledges
18 his responsibility in the matter, cooperated with The Law
19 Society in its investigation, and he expedited this process
20 with his plea of guilty to these charges.

21 We accept that Mr. Bueti's expression of
22 remorse is heartfelt and sincere. He told us that he now
23 more fully understands his professional duties as a result
24 of working with Mr. Kravetsky throughout this process, and
25 we acknowledge that, too.

1 Finally, we accept Mr. Kravetsky's submissions
2 on the point, the purpose of a discipline hearing is to
3 protect the public interest, and this penalty we believe
4 supports that principle.

5 This concludes the reasons for decision. Is
6 there any final comments that you needed to make with
7 respect to the order? Anything else, Mr. Bueti?

8 MR. BUETI: No, thank you.

9 MR. KRAVETSKY: Thank you.

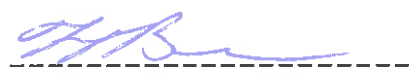
10 THE CHAIRPERSON: And we are adjourned.

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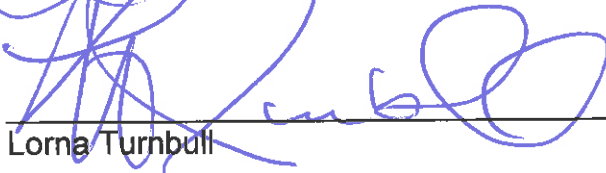
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RENDERED THE 20th DAY OF JUNE, 2018, IN
THE MATTER OF:


VINCENT JOSEPH BUETI



Roberta Campbell, Chair



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