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Case 06-04

RICHARD GRANT POOLE
The Pas, Manitoba

Called to the Bar
June 22, 1995

Particulars of Charges
Professional Misconduct

- Breach of Rules 5-64(3) and 5-64(4) [failure to provide written response to correspondence from the Law Society]

Date of Hearing
June 2, 2006

Panel
Douglas N. Abra, Q.C. (Chair)
Norman A. Cuddy
William S. Gange

Disposition

- Reprimand
- Costs of \$1,000.00

Counsel
C. Kristin Dangerfield for The Law Society of Manitoba
Member Unrepresented

Failure to Respond to the Law Society

Facts

An Auditor-Inspector for The Law Society of Manitoba wrote to Mr. Poole on May 30, 2005 requesting information pertaining to his Form D. Mr. Poole failed to respond to that letter or to a subsequent letter of July 4, 2005 requesting a response. On July 21, 2005, Discipline Counsel wrote to Mr. Poole seeking his written response to the concerns that had been raised by the Auditor-Inspector and an explanation of Mr. Poole's failure to respond to the Auditor-Inspector. He was required to reply within 14 days of receipt of the letter, however, he failed to do so. In fact, he did not provide a written response to the Society until September 21, 2005.

Mr. Poole was charged with breaching Rules 5-63(3) and (4) as a result of his failure to provide a written response to the Society.

Plea

Mr. Poole entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

Decision and Comments

The Panel found Mr. Poole guilty of professional misconduct based on his admission to the charge.

Penalty

The panel accepted a joint recommendation made by the Society and Mr. Poole. The panel ordered that Mr. Poole be reprimanded for his conduct and that he pay \$1,000.00 to the Society as a contribution towards the costs associated with the investigation, prosecution and hearing of the matter.

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