



# DISCIPLINE CASE *DIGEST*

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Case 06-10

<b>Member:</b>	<b>Member A</b>
<b>Called to the Bar:</b>	June 26, 1980
<b>Nature of Hearing:</b>	Pardon Application
<b>Date of Hearing:</b>	June 21, 2006
<b>Panel:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Bjorn Christianson, Q.C. (Chair)</li><li>▪ William G. Burns</li><li>▪ Christina V. Kopynsky, Q.C.</li></ul>
<b>Disposition:</b>	Pardon Granted
<b>Counsel:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ C. Kristin Dangerfield for The Law Society of Manitoba</li><li>▪ Member Unrepresented</li></ul>

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## Pardon Application

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### Facts

In 1982 the Law Society adopted a resolution requiring that any advertising containing more than basic contact information be submitted for review to the Law Society prior to publication. The member submitted advertisements for approval but then proceeded to publish them in the newspaper before having received approval. He was therefore charged with, and convicted of two counts of professional misconduct. In 2006 the member applied for a pardon from that conviction pursuant to Law Society Rule 5-101.1.

### Decision and Comments

The Discipline Committee granted the member's application for a pardon. In doing so, it took into account the fact that the member had been practising only two years at the time of the offence, the misconduct was relatively benign with no loss or harm to a member of the public or the profession, the original Discipline Committee had imposed only a reprimand, the member had demonstrated through his years of practice that he understood his obligations as a member of the Law Society and there was nothing in his professional or private life that would speak against a pardon.