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Case 00-09

AARON ADRION DOUGLAS HOFFER
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Called to the Bar
July 21, 1966

Particulars of Charges
Professional Misconduct (2 counts)

- failure to respond to the Law Society;
- failure to serve client in a conscientious, diligent and efficient manner

Date of Hearing
January 31, 2001

Panel
J.H. Combs (Chair)
N.A. Cuddy
J.F.R. Taylor, Q.C.

Disposition

- reprimand
- costs of \$1,000.00

Counsel
C.K. Dangerfield for The Law Society of Manitoba
S.I. Wilder, Q.C. for the Member

Failure to Respond to Society/ Serve Client

Facts

Mr. Hoffer failed to respond to a letter from The Law Society requesting information within fourteen days as required by the Rules.

On a second matter, Mr. Hoffer failed to proceed with and advance his client's claim to recover an outstanding account between May 1998 and January 2000. Mr. Hoffer also failed to reply to communications from his client inquiring as to the status of its claim.

Decision and Comments

Based on his admission to the charges, the Committee found Mr. Hoffer guilty of professional misconduct resulting from his failure to respond to the Law Society and his failure to serve his client in a conscientious, diligent and efficient manner.

Penalty

The Committee accepted the joint recommendation of counsel for the Law Society and counsel for Mr. Hoffer. The Committee imposed a reprimand and ordered that Mr. Hoffer pay costs in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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